

## Canada Student Loans Program

# For Protected Persons



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If you are designated as a Protected Person, including Convention Refugees, you are now eligible for student financial assistance from the Government of Canada.

In today's job market, education brings personal success. It holds the key to a better job and a higher income, while helping us to gain a better understanding of the world around us, play a more confident role in Canada, and lead more satisfying lives.

In the 2003 federal Budget, the Government of Canada announced that the *Canada Student Financial Assistance Act* will be amended to make Protected Persons eligible for financial assistance available through the Canada Student Loans Program (CSLP). The CSLP includes the Canada Student Loan for Full-time Students, the Canada Student Loan for Part-time Students, the Canada-Ontario Integrated Student Loan for Full-time Students (in Ontario), and Canada Study Grants.

If you have been designated as a Protected Person, this change means that you are now eligible to apply for federal student financial assistance.

### Before You Apply

You must ensure that you have the following papers:

- A copy of your **Protected Persons Status Document (PPSD)**, which must be valid for the **entire period of study**. For example, if your school year ends in April 2004, your PPSD needs to be valid until at least the end of April 2004.

You can apply for a PPSD online at [www.cic.gc.ca](http://www.cic.gc.ca). If you have questions about your application, telephone one of the Citizenship and Immigration Canada call centres at:

Toronto: (416) 973-4444  
Vancouver: (604) 666-2171  
Rest of Canada: 1 888 242-2100

- A copy of your **Social Insurance Number (SIN) card showing a 900 series SIN**. If you do not have a SIN card, you must get one before you can apply for student financial assistance from the Government of Canada. Like your PPSD, your SIN card must be valid for the entire period of study.
  - If your SIN card was issued before March 30, 2003, it will not have an expiry date printed on it. These cards will automatically expire on April 3, 2004. If your SIN card was issued on or after March 30, 2003, it will have an expiry date for your reference.
  - If you don't have a SIN card, or have one that will expire while you are in school, you can visit your local Human Resource Centre of Canada (HRCC) or contact the Social Insurance Registration office by calling 1 800 206-7218 or visiting its Web site at [www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/sin-nas/010\\_e.shtml](http://www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/sin-nas/010_e.shtml).

### How To Apply

- Get an application form from the student financial assistance office in the province or territory in which you live\*\* or educational institution you plan to attend. These offices will also be able to answer specific questions you might have about your application.
- Ensure that all your required papers are up-to-date before applying for student financial assistance from the Government of Canada to avoid any unnecessary delays. Applications received without the appropriate documentation will **not** be processed.
- Confirm that your school is on your province's or territory's list of designated institutions.
- Visit CanLearn at [www.canlearn.ca](http://www.canlearn.ca) or check out your provincial or territorial student financial assistance Web site for more information or a list of designated institutions.

\*\* Quebec, Northwest Territories and Nunavut do not participate in the Canada Student Loans Program, but operate their own student financial assistance programs.

### Submitting Your Application

Once you have your valid PPSD, SIN card, and your student financial assistance application, you must submit them to the financial aid office at your school, or your provincial/territorial student financial assistance office for processing. This office will determine if you are eligible and the amount you will receive.

For more information on planning and paying for your post-secondary education, visit CanLearn at [www.canlearn.ca](http://www.canlearn.ca)

You can also consult your provincial/territorial student financial assistance office Web site for additional information and resources.

### PROVINCIAL AND TERRITORIAL STUDENT ASSISTANCE OFFICES, LISTED ALPHABETICALLY:

**Alberta**  
Alberta Learning  
Students Finance  
(780) 427-3722 (Edmonton)  
Toll-free: 1 800 222-6485  
[www.alis.gov.ab.ca](http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca)

**British Columbia**  
Student Services Branch  
Ministry of Advanced Education  
(250) 387-6100 (Victoria area)  
(604) 660-2610 (Lower Mainland)  
Toll-free: 1 800 561-1818

(anywhere else in Canada/USA)  
TTY: (250) 952-6832  
<http://www.bcsap.bc.ca>

**Manitoba**  
Student Aid Branch  
Department of Advanced Education  
and Training  
(204) 945-6321  
(204) 945-2313 (from outside  
of Manitoba)  
Toll-free: 1 800 204-1685  
(within Manitoba)

TTY: 1-866-209-0696 (within  
North America)  
[www.studentaid.gov.mb.ca](http://www.studentaid.gov.mb.ca)

**New Brunswick**  
Student Financial Services  
Department of Education  
(506) 453-2577 (Fredericton area)  
Toll-free: 1 800 667-5626  
<http://www.studentaid.gnb.ca>

**Newfoundland  
and Labrador**  
Student Aid Division  
Department of Youth Services  
and Post-Secondary Education  
(709) 729-5849  
Toll-free: 1 888 657-0800  
[www.edu.gov.nf.ca/  
studentaid/](http://www.edu.gov.nf.ca/studentaid/)

**Nova Scotia**  
Student Assistance Office  
Department of Education  
(902) 424-8420  
Toll-free: 1 800 565-8420 (within  
Nova Scotia)  
TDD: (902) 424-2058  
<http://studentloans.ednet.ns.ca>

**Ontario**  
Student Support Branch  
Ministry of Training, Colleges  
and Universities  
(Students attending a post-secondary  
institution in Ontario must contact  
the financial aid office at their post-  
secondary institution for assistance.)  
(807) 343-7260 (outside Ontario)  
TDD: 1 800 465-3958  
<http://osap.gov.on.ca>

**Prince Edward Island**  
Student Financial Services  
Department of Education  
(902) 368-4640  
[www.studentloan.pe.ca](http://www.studentloan.pe.ca)

**Saskatchewan**  
Student Financial Assistance Branch  
Saskatchewan Learning  
(306) 787-5620 (Regina area)  
Toll-free: 1 800 597-8278  
<http://www.student-loans.sk.ca>

**Yukon**  
Student Financial Assistance  
Advanced Education Branch  
Department of Education  
(867) 667-5929  
Toll-free: 1 800 661-0408 Local 5929  
(within Yukon)  
[www.education.gov.yk.ca](http://www.education.gov.yk.ca)

