



MANITOBA STUDENT AID

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MANITOBA STUDENT AID 2019/20 PROGRAM YEAR UPDATES

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Manitoba Student Aid (MSA) is committed to continuous improvement, with the goal of simplifying processes and enhancing student satisfaction. In 2018/19, MSA implemented several changes that made it easier for students to apply for and receive Canada Student Loans Program (CSLP) and MSA Program funding. This year, additional changes are being implemented to further simplify the process of applying for and obtaining funding.

Automated Confirmation of Enrollment (CoE) System

MSA is transitioning from a manual, fax-based CoE process, to an automated, web-based application for programs within Manitoba that are not confirmed electronically. This change will help streamline the process for both school administrators and MSA staff, as well as reduce client wait times.

Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Students with Permanent Disabilities (CSG-PDSE)

CSLP is increasing the cap on the CSG-PDSE from \$8,000 to \$20,000 per year, effective August 1, 2019 (subject to Government of Canada legislative and regulatory approval). This will help students who have permanent disabilities to afford the services and equipment that are necessary for their studies.

Expanded Eligibility for the Severe Permanent Disability Benefit for Students in Repayment

CSLP is changing the definition of “severe permanent disability,” effective August 1, 2019 (subject to Government of Canada legislative and regulatory approval). The new definition will expand access to the Severe Permanent Disability Benefit, and it will allow more people with permanent disabilities that impact their ability to work or study, to have their student loan debt forgiven.

School and Program Designation Process

Students are now able to submit the required paperwork directly to their school and begin the designation process at any time. This change should have a positive impact on processing times and client satisfaction.

Canada Student Loan for Part-time Students (CSL-PT)

CSLP is implementing an electronic Master Student Financial Assistance Agreement. This means that part-time students will no longer receive, and need to process, a Certificate of Eligibility document.

Training and Employment Services

Manitoba Job and Skills Development Centres can help assist individuals requiring skills training or academic upgrading move into employment with support and financial assistance. Individuals may be eligible for a range of employment services/supports through one of our Training and Employment Services programs. To learn more, call 204-945-0575 or 1-866-5077 or visit us online at

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/wd/virtualcentre/jobseekers/finassist.html>.

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