

Canada-Saskatchewan Grant for Services and Equipment for Students with Permanent Disabilities

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Verification of Permanent Disability

Applicant Information

This form is to be completed by a qualified practitioner (i.e., medical doctor) for the purpose of determining eligibility for permanent disability status for:

- Canada – Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loans for full-time and part-time studies;
- Canada Student Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities; and
- Canada-Saskatchewan Grant for Services and Equipment for Students with Permanent Disabilities.

COVID-19 Measures

For the 2020-21 loan year, in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Verification of Permanent Disability form may be accepted from other medical practitioners that are suitably trained or authorized.

In addition, alternative forms of the signatures will be accepted from medical practitioners, students, disability officers or administrative officials as required. This includes, but is not limited to, electronic signatures or official watermarks and stamps.

For the 2020-21 loan year, students with a learning disability have expanded options for providing acceptable proof of permanent disability. While a current psycho-educational assessment (or summary report) is preferred, if a student is unable to submit a new or updated assessment, the following may be accepted:

- a) a psycho-educational assessment no older than seven years for students who had these assessments completed before the age of 18;

OR

- b) a medical certificate (or letter) in lieu of a psycho-educational assessment (or summary report) for students without an existing assessment and who cannot receive an assessment in time for verification of their application.

This certificate must be completed by a registered psychologist or qualified medical practitioner.

Students approved in 2020-21 using these temporary measures will not be reassessed in later years, and will retain permanent disability status.

Students are responsible for any fees incurred to complete this form.

Definition of Permanent Disability

To qualify, a student must meet the definition of permanent disability as defined in The Canada Student Loans Regulations and The Canada Student Financial Assistance Regulations, as outlined below:

*A **permanent disability**, for the purpose of student financial assistance, is a functional limitation caused by a physical or mental impairment that restricts the ability of a person to perform the daily activities necessary to participate in studies at a post-secondary school level or in the labour force and is expected to remain with the person for the person's expected life.*

Note: Not all functional limitations are considered permanent disabilities for the purpose of permanent disability program funding.

Qualified Practitioner Information

All the medical information must be completed by a licensed physician or other qualified practitioner.

This form will be used to determine your patient's eligibility for student financial assistance for students with permanent disabilities. Eligibility for funding is based on the permanence of the patient's disability and the functional limitation of the disability on their ability to fully participate in their post-secondary education.

Please print clearly and fully answer the questions below with information about your patient's functional limitations. If you require extra space, please attach a letter with the additional information. Note that the patient is responsible for any fees incurred to complete this form.

Patient's Full Name: _____

Disability Information

Check the box that describes the nature of your patient's disability:

- Mobility
- Hearing
- Visual
- Speech
- Acquired Brain Injury
- ADD/ADHD
- Pervasive Developmental Disorder (i.e., autism, neurological)
- Psychiatric or Psychological
- Learning - students with this type of disability are to submit a Learning Disability Assessment (i.e., psycho-educational assessment)
- Other, please specify: _____

Is the disability permanent, as defined below? Yes No

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Does the disability result in a functional limitation that restricts the patient's ability to perform daily activities necessary to necessary to participate in their educational studies?

Yes No

Describe the functional limitations of the permanent disability, including the duration and effects of the limitations.

Identification and Signature of Qualified Practitioner

Qualified Practitioner's Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

I certify that the information provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct and complete and I understand that this information will be used to determine if my patient is eligible for Canada-Saskatchewan programs for students with permanent disabilities.

Practitioner Stamp:

X _____
Signature of Qualified Practitioner

Date (dd/mmm/yyyy)