

# Verification of Disability Form

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## Applicant Information

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

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

The Verification of 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.

Students with a learning disability have expanded options for providing acceptable proof of 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.

**New in 2022-23:** Subject to federal and provincial regulatory approval, disability supports are expanded to students with persistent or prolonged disabilities. Students with a permanent disability who are approved will not be reassessed in later years, and will retain permanent disability status. Students with a persistent or prolonged disability lasting at least 12 months are required to self-attest and confirm their disability status every year.

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 in the two definitions below:

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

*Note: Not all impairments or functional limitations are considered disabilities for the purpose of meeting program eligibility.*

## 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 either a permanent or a persistent or prolonged disability. Eligibility for funding is based on the patient's disability as per the definitions noted below.

Please print clearly and fully answer the questions below with information about your patient's impairment or 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Can only select one option below whether this disability is permanent or persistent/prolonged**

A **permanent disability** for purposes of student financial assistance, is:

Any impairment, including physical, mental, intellectual, cognitive, learning, communication or sensory impairment – or a functional limitation – that restricts the ability of a person to perform the daily activities necessary to pursue studies at a post-secondary school level or to participate in the labour force and that is expected to remain with the person for the person's expected life.

A **persistent or prolonged disability** for the purpose of student financial assistance, is:

Any impairment, including a physical, mental, intellectual, cognitive, learning, communication or sensory impairment – or a functional limitation – that restricts the ability of a person to perform the daily activities necessary to pursue studies at a post-secondary school level or to participate in the labour force and has lasted, or is expected to last, for a period of at least 12 months, but is not expected to remain with the person for the person’s expected life.”

Based of the definitions above, please indicate if the disability is  Permanent

**OR**

Persistent or Prolonged

Describe the impairment or functional limitations of either the permanent OR persistent or prolonged disability, including the duration and effects of the limitations.

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**Identification and Signature of Qualified Practitioner**

Qualified Practitioner’s Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Practitioner Stamp:

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 student aid programs for students with either a permanent or a persistent or prolonged disability.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Qualified Practitioner

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Date (dd/mmm/yyyy)