

Graduate Retention Program

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I know if I am eligible for the increased tax credit amount?

If your graduation date is on or after October 1, 2024 you may be [eligible](#) for the increased tax credit.

My graduation date is on or after October 1, 2024, why does my certificate only reflect the original GRP maximums?

If you graduated between October 1 and December 31, 2024, you must claim GRP on your 2024 taxes at the original GRP maximums. You will receive a second top-up certificate to file with your 2025 taxes to receive the additional amount you are [eligible](#) for.

I have already received GRP for a previous credential. Will I now receive a top-up from the increase?

No. The increase only applies to those who graduated on or after October 1, 2024.

How do I find out what my official graduation date is?

You can find your graduation date on your post-secondary credential awarded by your educational institution or on your GRP certificate. You can also contact your institution to find out.

How is my official graduation date decided?

Your post-secondary institution determines your graduation date and reports it to the ministry.

Why is my graduation date on my GRP certificate different from the day I convoked?

Your official graduation date may not be the same as the day you convoked. Your post-secondary institution determines your graduation date based on a variety of factors. If you have questions about your graduation date, contact your post-secondary institution.

If I attend post-secondary outside of Saskatchewan, am I eligible?

You may still be [eligible](#) for GRP provided you attended an [eligible education institution](#), studied in an approved post-secondary program that is equivalent to at least six months of full-time study, and are living, working and filing taxes in Saskatchewan.

If I completed my program on a part-time basis, am I eligible?

Whether a program is completed on a part-time or full-time basis does not impact eligibility, as long as it leads to an eligible post-secondary credential and is equivalent to at least six months of full-time study.

Are international students/graduates eligible?

International students may be [eligible](#) if they stay and file income tax in Saskatchewan after graduating.

If you graduated from an [eligible international post-secondary institution](#), you will also need to complete a [Canadian education credential assessment](#) to determine [GRP eligibility](#).

How do I claim GRP on my taxes?

To claim the tax credit, download your GRP certificate from your [Advanced Education Student Portal](#) and include it when [filing your Saskatchewan income taxes](#). If you have questions regarding filing your taxes contact the [Canada Revenue Agency \(CRA\)](#) or talk to an accounting professional.

If I didn't claim GRP on my Saskatchewan income tax the year I graduated, what do I do?

If you did not start claiming GRP the year you graduated you must contact the [CRA](#) and request an adjustment of your previous years' income taxes, dating back to the year on your GRP certificate.

Why didn't I receive the full rebate my certificate says I'm eligible for on my income tax?

The GRP is received as a reduction of income tax owed over a seven-year period. You will receive the full tax credit listed on your GRP certificate by the end of the seven-year period as follows: 10 per cent of the total amount in each of the first four years and 20 per cent in each of the last three years. If you have questions about the amount you received, contact the [CRA](#).

Am I guaranteed a GRP rebate?

No, the GRP is applied as a reduction to income tax owed. Where your eligible GRP rebate is greater than the amount of income tax owed, the excess amount can be carried forward and applied in a future tax year.

Can I claim GRP for multiple credentials?

You may be eligible to receive GRP for multiple credentials if you have not exceeded your [eligible lifetime limit](#). For example, you may be eligible to claim GRP for both a one-year certificate and a four-year undergraduate degree. However, you would stop receiving GRP once you have reached your lifetime limit.

For more information on the Graduate Retention Program contact the Student Service Centre at:

Website: saskatchewan.ca/grp

Toll free: 1-800-597-8278

Email: studentservices@gov.sk.ca

For more information on filling your taxes contact the Canada Revenue Agency at:

Website: canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/corporate/contact-information

Toll free: 1-800-959-8281

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