

After I'm finished my studies...

Is there help available if I am unable to find a job after my studies and can't make payments on my student loans?

Yes, there are provincial and federal debt management programs to help if you are having difficulty making payments on your student loan.

These include:

B.C. programs

Interest Relief

Principal deferral

Revision of loan terms

Federal programs

Repayment Assistance Plan for Borrowers with Permanent Disabilities

Federal permanent disability benefit program



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STUDENTS WITH
PERMANENT DISABILITIES

Are you a student with a permanent disability?



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Available programs for students with permanent disabilities



What is a permanent disability

A “permanent disability” means 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.



StudentAid BC

StudentAid BC is funded by the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia. It’s a social program based on assessed financial need. Many types of programs and services are available.

Available funding for students with permanent disabilities

Canada Student Grant for Persons with Permanent Disabilities

Provides \$2,000 per program year for full-time or part-time students with permanent disabilities. You do not have to repay this money.

Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Persons with Permanent Disabilities

Provides up to \$8,000 per program year for the purchase of education related specialized services and/or adaptive equipment. You do not have to repay this money.

Assistance Program for Students with Permanent Disabilities

Provides grants up to \$10,000 per program year (up to \$12,000 per program year if an attendant is required at school) for the purchase of education related specialized services and/or adaptive equipment. You do not have to repay this money.

Learning Disability Assessment Bursary

Provides up to \$1,800 in up-front funding to pay for the costs of a psycho-educational assessment.

Supplemental Bursary for Students with Disabilities

Provides \$800 per program year for full-time students (40% course load or greater) or \$400 per program year for part-time students (20 to 39% course load). You do not have to repay this money.

BC Access Grant for Full-time Students with Permanent Disabilities

Provides up to \$1,000 per program year. You do not have to repay this money.

Disability Services available at public post-secondary institutions

Disability Services

Disability Service Coordinators are available in 25 public post-secondary institutions and provide direct supports and services for students with disabilities, including transition services (orientation, instructor-student liaison, exit planning), support services (tutors, interpreters, accommodation planning) and access to special equipment and resources.

College and Institute Library Services

Provides alternate format information access services to post-secondary students with visual or learning disabilities.

Post Secondary Communication Access Services

Assists institutions in the hiring of interpreters and captioners and in the provision of support to students with hearing disabilities.

Program for Institutional Loans of Adaptive Technology

Provides adaptive equipment to institutions for students with disabilities to use on-site.

For more information on these programs and disability coordinators contact information,

visit www.StudentAidBC.ca and click on “Information for Students with Disabilities.”