

## Purpose

If you're back in school full-time and have previous OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program) loans, then you must ensure that they are placed into interest-free status. When your loans are in interest-free status, you don't have to make payments on the interest and principal.

Use this application so that the National Student Loans Service Centre (NSLSC) is notified that you're back in full-time studies. If your application is approved, your new study period dates (known as your "confirmed study period") will be provided to the NSLSC and/or the financial institution(s) holding your full-time OSAP loans.

## When to Use this Application

Use this application if all of the following apply to you:

1. You are not submitting an OSAP Application for Full-Time Students for your study period.  
If your full-time OSAP application is approved, your study period information is sent to the NSLSC when your school confirms your enrolment.
2. You have outstanding full-time loans issued from OSAP. This includes:
  - Canada-Ontario Integrated Student Loans (COISL)
  - Canada Student Loans (issued before August 1, 2000)
  - Ontario Student Loans (issued before August 1, 2001)
3. You are now in full-time studies or within 15 days of starting full-time studies.  
For OSAP purposes, you're in full-time studies if you're taking 60% or more of a full course load (or at least 40% of a full course load if you have a permanent disability).
4. You meet the following eligibility requirements for your school, program and study period length:

### School

You can apply for interest-free status if you are enrolled in a postsecondary school approved for OSAP purposes. Check out the list of approved schools on the OSAP website at [www.ontario.ca/osap](http://www.ontario.ca/osap).

If you are enrolled at an Ontario secondary school (high school) or a private postsecondary school in Ontario not on the list of approved schools, you can also apply for interest-free status consideration.

### Program and Study Period Length

To be considered for interest-free status, your study period must be between 6 and 52 weeks long.

All aspects of your study period, including co-op work terms and work placements, can be included for interest-free status consideration provided your program is:

- approved for full-time OSAP purposes and leads to a degree, diploma or certificate; or
- considered academic upgrading at a public college or university in Ontario (e.g., high school equivalency programs, English or French as a second language, pre-university programs); or
- a pre-requisite program for admission into either a university graduate studies program or a second entry level degree program.

The following programs are not eligible for interest-free status consideration:

- Practical training required for acceptance in a professional corporation, trade or profession (e.g., a medical internship or residency, a dietetic internship).
- Practical training in excess of the hours required for your program's degree, diploma or certificate requirements.
- The licensing process through the Law Society of Upper Canada or equivalent. (Exception: Students in the Law Society of Upper Canada's Law Practice Program at Ryerson University or the University of Ottawa may be eligible. Contact your financial aid office for details.)

## When to Apply?

The earliest you can apply is 15 days before the start of your study period.

## Deadline

Your application package must be received no later than 21 days before the end of your study period.

## How to Apply

Your application package is divided into three parts. You complete:

- Part 1 (Registration and Your Profile)
- Part 2 (Continuation of Interest-Free Status Application)
- Part 3 (Enrolment Confirmation) - Section C: Student Information only

Take the following action based on where you are going to school:

### **Students enrolled in a postsecondary school in Canada approved for OSAP purposes:**

Send all parts of your completed application package to the financial aid office at your school.

### **Students enrolled in:**

- A postsecondary school outside of Canada
- A secondary school (high school) in Ontario
- A private postsecondary school in Ontario not on the list of approved schools for OSAP purposes

Forward Part 3 (Enrolment Confirmation) to your school for completion. Make sure they return the completed form to you. Send all parts of your completed application package to:

Student Financial Assistance Branch  
Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development  
PO Box 4500  
189 Red River Road, 4th Floor  
Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 6G9

## What Happens After You Apply

Your financial aid office or the ministry will notify you if your application is denied.

If your application is approved, your existing full-time loans from OSAP may be eligible to be placed into interest-free status. The National Student Loans Service Centre (NSLSC) and/or the financial institution(s) holding your previous student loans will be notified of your new study period information.

Note: The length of your interest-free status period could be affected if your loans were already in repayment status when your application was approved:

- For Ontario Student Loans and the Ontario portion of your COISL: You may be eligible for interest-free status for your entire study period provided that your loans are in good standing.
- For Canada Student Loans and the Canada portion of your COISL: Your interest-free period begins the date your application is approved. You'll have to pay the interest that accrued on your loans from the start of your current study period until the date your application was approved.

Follow up with the NSLSC and/or the financial institutions holding your previous student loans to verify the interest-free status period applied to your full-time loans.

## If Your Study Period Status Changes

Your eligibility for interest-free status will be impacted if you withdraw from full-time studies or reduce your course load to less than 60 per cent of a full course load (or 40 per cent if you are a student with a permanent disability).

You must notify your financial aid office or the ministry immediately of any changes to your study period.

## Checking the Status of Your Application

Check the status of your application online on the OSAP website ([ontario.ca/osap](http://ontario.ca/osap)). If you want to do so but don't know your OSAP Access Number (OAN) and/or password, you can either visit any financial aid office at a public Ontario college or university or complete an "OSAP Website: Forgot Password and/or OSAP Access Number" form that is available for printing from the OSAP website.

## Questions?

### **If you're enrolled in a postsecondary school in Canada approved for OSAP purposes**

Contact the financial aid office at your school.

### **If you're enrolled in:**

- A postsecondary school outside of Canada
- A secondary school (high school) in Ontario
- A private postsecondary school in Ontario not on the list of approved schools for OSAP purposes

Contact the ministry at: Student Financial Assistance Branch Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development PO Box 4500 189 Red River Road, 4th Floor Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 6G9

General inquiry telephone service is available Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM (Eastern Time)

- Telephone: 1-807-343-7260.
- Toll-free in North America: 1-877-OSAP-411 (1-877-672-7411)
- Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD): 1-800-465-3958



Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development  
Student Financial Assistance Branch



## PART 1: Registration and Your Profile

### OSAP User Agreement

In order to apply for funding consideration from the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), you must first register as a new user. When you register, you will be providing basic personal information about yourself that will be used to start your personal profile. This information includes your name, birthdate, gender, identification numbers and contact information. Your access credentials, that you will use for future access to the OSAP website, will be assigned. Specifically, your OSAP Access Number (OAN) will be created. Your OAN will be your user ID for the OSAP website. If you want to use the OSAP website, you must visit your financial aid office to obtain a temporary password and your OAN. Otherwise, you can complete an OSAP Website: Forgot Password and/or OSAP Access Number form which is available on the OSAP website ([ontario.ca/osap](http://ontario.ca/osap)).

The Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (ministry) and other organizations involved in the administration of OSAP will use and disclose your personal information to administer OSAP under the authority of the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Act, R.R.O. 1990, Regulations 774, R.R.O. 775, O. Reg. 268/01, O. Reg 118/07, O. Reg. 282/13 and O. Reg. 70/17 made under Act. If you have any questions about the collection, use and disclosure of your personal information you can contact the Director, Student Financial Assistance Branch, Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development, PO Box 4500, 189 Red River Road, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 6G9 or call (807) 343-7260.

In order to proceed with the registration process, you must read and consent to the indirect collection and disclosure of your personal information as well as the terms and conditions presented.

### Consent to Indirect Collection and Disclosure of Personal Information

I agree that:

- The ministry can disclose my Social Insurance Number, name, date of birth, and gender to Employment and Social Development Canada to verify that the personal information I have provided matches the personal information contained in the Social Insurance Register. This verification is solely for the purpose of confirming the accuracy of my identification in the context of the creation or the subsequent update to my personal profile.
- The information contained within my personal profile will be used as part of any OSAP application(s) that I submit.
- As I provide additional personal information in connection with an OSAP application, the information may be added to my personal profile. Any subsequent OSAP application(s) that I may submit would then draw from my updated personal profile.
- The ministry and/or one of its authorized users such as financial aid office staff at a postsecondary school will have access to the information contained within my personal profile, including the ability to change information based on direction that I provide (e.g., submitting a paper application with updated information).

### Terms and Conditions

I agree that:

- I am responsible for updating my personal profile information (e.g., address change) or indicating that a change of existing information (e.g., name change) is required by requesting the change in writing to either the ministry, its contractors, agents, or other authorized third party administrators.
- I may be asked to provide documentation to the ministry, its contractors, agents, or other authorized third party administrators to support specific changes to information contained within my personal profile (e.g., name change).

**I have read and give my consent to the indirect collection and disclosure of my personal information and also understand and agree to the terms and conditions outlined above.**

**Signature of Applicant:**

**Date:**

Month                  Day                  Year

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**Basic Personal Information**

The information you provide will be verified against information contained in the Social Insurance Register to confirm the accuracy of your identification. If there is a problem with the verification of the information you provide, you will be contacted in writing by the ministry.

**115 First name:**

**110 Last name:**

**155 Date of birth:**

Month Day Year

**160 Gender:**

Male

Female

**Identifiers**

Your Social Insurance Number (SIN) is your unique identifier. You require a valid SIN in order to apply for any of the OSAP aid programs. If you do not currently have a valid SIN, contact any Service Canada Centre office for information on how to obtain one.

**100 Social Insurance Number (SIN):**

**107 Ontario Education Number (OEN):**

OEN is a student identification number that is assigned by the Ontario Ministry of Education to elementary and secondary students across the province. This unique number identifies a student's school records and follows the student throughout their education.

This number is optional.

**Contact Information**

**In which language do you want your information?**

English

French

**Permanent Canadian Address**

Mandatory. If you don't have one, enter the address of a friend or relative living in Canada.

**034 Street number and name, rural route, or post office box:**

**035 Apartment:**

**036 City, town, or post office:**

**037 Province:**

**038 Postal code (e.g., P0T2E0):**

**039 Area code and telephone number (e.g., 807-555-1512):**



If you have additional people you would like to give access to, provide the first and last name and date of birth of each person on a separate sheet and attach it to this application. Or, log into the OSAP website and go to "My Profile" to update your information.

I authorize the ministry or one of its authorized users (e.g., financial aid office staff at a postsecondary school) to release to the person(s) named in this section any information provided for the purposes of administering the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), including information related to any funding I may apply for or have already applied for. This consent is valid for a five year period starting from when I submit this consent. I understand that I can either amend or revoke my consent for the person(s) named here or extend this consent for an additional five year period.

**720 Signature of Applicant:**

**Date:**

Month

Day

Year

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### Additional Information

#### 453 Do you want to self-identify as an Indigenous person?

An Indigenous person is considered a person related to, or descended from, the Original peoples of Canada.

- Yes - complete item 454
- No

#### 454 Select the description(s) that you self-identify with:

- First Nation (Status/Non-Status Indian)
- Métis
- Inuk (Inuit)
- I use an alternative term to describe my Aboriginal ancestry and/or identity (e.g., Anishinaabe, Treaty #3).

Specify:

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#### 455 Your school may have additional targeted funding available for Indigenous students. Indicate "Yes" if you would like OSAP to share your information with your school for the sole purpose of considering you for further financial support.

- Yes
- No



Part 2: Application Form

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date received at FAO:

Month Day Year

[Grid for date received at FAO]

Institution Code:

[Grid for institution code]

Bar code:

Place bar code sticker here

No Bar code

Section A: School and Study Period Information

Program name:

[Text box for program name]

What is the start date of your study period?

What is the end date of your study period?

Your study period must be between 6 and 52 weeks long.

Day Month Year

[Grid for start date]

Day Month Year

[Grid for end date]

Type of school you are attending:

- Postsecondary school in Ontario
- Secondary school (high school) in Ontario
- Postsecondary school located outside of Ontario

Name of school:

[Text box for name of school]

School Address

Street number and name, rural route, or post office box:

Province or state:

[Grid for street address]

[Grid for province/state]

City, town, or post office:

Postal code or zip code:

[Grid for city]

[Grid for postal code]

Country:

[Grid for country]

Campus of school (if applicable):

Student number from your school, if you know it:

[Grid for campus]

[Grid for student number]



## Section B: Application Agreement

### Collection and Use of Personal Information

Your personal information, including your Social Insurance Number (SIN), provided in connection with your student profile, this application, and any previous applications and awards of financial assistance will be used by the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (ministry) to administer and finance the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) and by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) to administer and finance the Canada Student Loans Program (CSLP). Your SIN will be used as a general identifier in administering OSAP. The ministry and ESDC may use other parties for any of these activities. Under agreement with ESDC, the National Student Loans Service Centre (NSLSC) uses your personal information to administer OSAP and CSLP. Under agreement with the ministry, your postsecondary school and, where authorized by the ministry, its agents who administer OSAP and its auditors, use your personal information to administer OSAP and CSLP.

Your personal information provided in connection with this application will be used to notify the NSLSC and/ or any financial institutions holding your previous student loan(s) that you are still in school and that your previous full-time loans are to be placed into interest-free status.

Administration includes: determining your eligibility for financial assistance; verifying your application, including verifying financial assistance provided under any other ministry program; paying your financial assistance; verifying your financial assistance, any relief granted from any payment you are required to make and any loan rehabilitation; considering any applications for review of determinations relating to your financial assistance, eligibility for relief from any payment or loan rehabilitation; auditing your file; assessing and collecting loans, overpayments and repayments; enforcing the legislation set out below and your agreements with the ministry and ESDC; and monitoring and auditing the NSLSC and your postsecondary school or its authorized agents to ensure that they are administering the programs appropriately. In addition, administration by the ministry and ESDC includes public reporting on postsecondary education and training, including the administration and financing of student assistance programs and accessibility to and affordability of postsecondary education; planning, delivering, evaluating and monitoring student assistance programs for quality and improvements in both content and delivery, including establishing and monitoring the minimum amount of student aid your postsecondary school is required to provide under the Student Access Guarantee, if applicable; conducting risk management, error management, audit and quality assessment activities; conducting inspections or investigations; and conducting research related to postsecondary education and training, including all aspects of student financial assistance and accessibility to and affordability of postsecondary education and training such as developing key performance indicators on the aggregated Ontario Student Loan default rates of your postsecondary school's students. The ministry may also disclose your personal information to other ministries of the Ontario government for the purpose of conducting post-secondary education related research on behalf of the ministry. You may be contacted to participate in surveys related to postsecondary education and training. Financing includes: planning, arranging or providing funding of the programs.

The ministry collects your personal information under the authority of the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.19, as amended, O. Reg. 268/01 as amended, and O. Reg. 118/07 as amended; s.10.1 of the Financial Administration Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.F.12, as amended; the Canada Student Financial Assistance Act, S.C. 1994, c. 28, as amended and the Canada Student Financial Assistance Regulations, SOR 95-329, as amended and s. 266.3(4) of the Education Act. If you have any questions about the collection or use of this information, contact the Director, Student Financial Assistance Branch, Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development, PO Box 4500, 189 Red River Road, 4th Floor, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7B 6G9; (807) 343-7260



Social Insurance Number: 

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- I understand that if I fail to provide complete and true information; fail to promptly notify my financial aid office or the ministry through my account on the OSAP website or in writing of changes to my financial institution or any changes to my address and/or financial, academic, family, and/or period of study status; or fail to fulfil any obligations respecting the repayment of any loan or overpayment, the ministry may restrict me from receiving financial assistance in the future, including the Ontario Student Opportunity Grant, and may take legal action and may require me to repay any financial assistance that I received. I further understand that it is an offence to knowingly provide false information for the purpose of obtaining or receiving OSAP assistance. If convicted, I may be liable for a fine of up to \$25,000 and one year in prison.

I have read and understood all parts of this section, including the notice of collection, use and disclosure of my personal information and my signature attests to my consent to the indirect collection, use and disclosure of my personal information and that my declaration is complete and true.

**Signature of Student:**

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**Date:**

Day	Month	Year



## Section D: Enrolment Confirmation (cont'd)

Student's first name:

Student's last name:

What is the name of the student's program?

What are the start and end dates of the student's study period?

Important: The study period information entered cannot exceed 52 weeks.

Study period start date:

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Study period end date:

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Is student enrolled in any one of the following:

- practical training required for acceptance in a professional corporation, trade or profession (e.g., medical internship or residency, dietetic internship).
- practical training in excess of the hours required for the program's degree, diploma or certificate requirements.
- the licensing process through the Law Society of Upper Canada or equivalent.

yes

no

Is student enrolled as a full-time student (60% or more of a full course load or 40% or more if the student has a permanent disability)?

yes

no

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### Declarations

I declare that:

- the above-named student is enrolled at this school and the information provided is correct.
- I am completing and signing this form no earlier than 15 days before the start of the student's study period indicated.
- If the information I have provided changes (e.g., student withdraws) I will promptly notify the ministry in writing of this change using the Student Activity Update form available on the OSAP website ([www.ontario.ca/osap](http://www.ontario.ca/osap)).

Official's name:

Official's title:

Area code and telephone number:

Signature of school official:

Date:

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>