

**DEADLINE**

Six weeks before your study period ends.

**WHAT IS AN APPEAL?**

An appeal is the process by which you have the opportunity to request a reconsideration of your assessed award. If you have had an exceptional circumstance that meets one or more of the criteria listed below and you have not received the maximum amount of funding for the application study period, you may submit an appeal request. Once evaluated, the appeal request may result in a change to your StudentAid BC award.

**APPEAL CRITERIA**

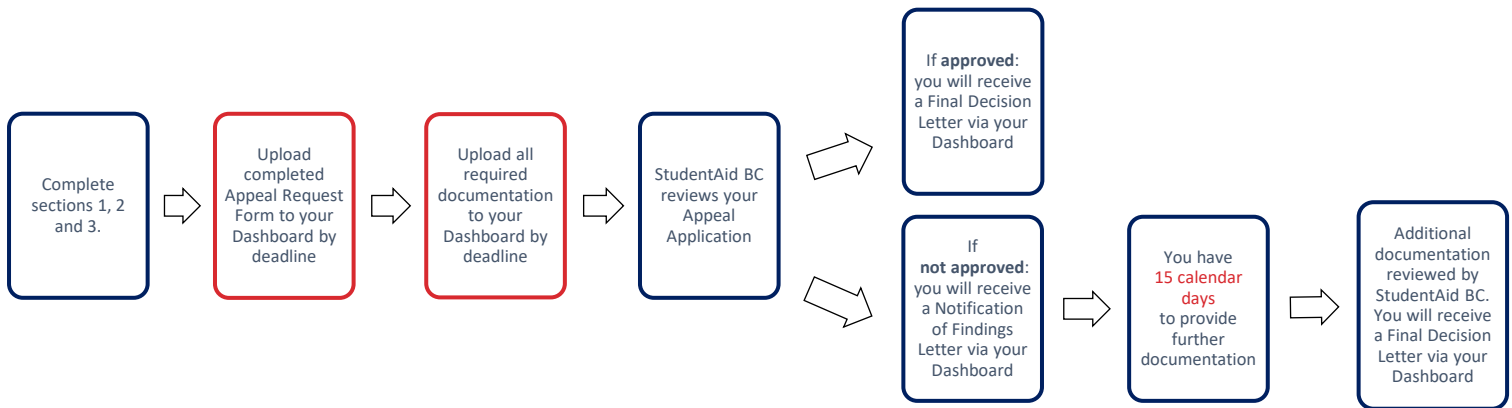
You can submit an appeal to change your classification from a [dependent](#) student to an [independent](#) student if you meet one or more of the following criteria:

- You no longer communicate with your family due to an irreconcilable rift and can provide satisfactory evidence of a severe and permanent breakdown in the relationship between you and your parent(s), such as being disowned. The family rift must have existed for at least one year unless a serious situation has arisen recently.
- You were a youth under the guardianship of, or in an agreement with, a provincial or territorial child welfare agency on your 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Note:** If you incorrectly indicated that you are a modified independent student (meaning there was no rift between you and your parent(s)) on your application, you must upload an [Appendix 7 – Request for Reassessment](#) to your StudentAid BC [Dashboard](#) and your parent(s) must mail an original [Appendix 1 – Parent Information](#) form with an ink signature.

**APPEAL INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Talk to a Financial Aid Officer at your school, they can help you with the appeal process. If you are unable to contact a Financial Aid Officer, contact [StudentAid BC](#).
2. Review the Appeal Criteria.
3. Complete Sections 1, 2 and 3.
4. Upload your completed Appeal Request Form and all required documentation to your StudentAid BC [Dashboard](#).



**Appeal Request Form starts on page 2.**

Refer to the StudentAid BC [Policy Manual](#) for more information on appeals.

