

Appeal Request Form

MULTIPLE WITHDRAWALS/UNSUCCESSFUL TERMS OR SEMESTER AND OVERAWARDS/MEDICAL WITHDRAWAL

The Appeal Process

You can ask for an appeal of your assessment of financial need if circumstances set you apart from other students.

All appeal requests are reviewed by StudentAid BC staff, who will consider the information you provide and review your supporting documentation.

You must show that your circumstances differ significantly from other students.

The first steps

1. If you are attending a B.C. private school or a school outside B.C., contact StudentAid BC for help. If you are attending a public university, college or institute in B.C., we encourage you to discuss your situation with a financial aid officer at your school, as they can help with the appeal process.
2. Read the detailed information provided on the appeal forms.
3. Include a letter outlining your request, social insurance number, name and address, and attach all required documentation. Mail, fax, or email this information to StudentAid BC.

Your appeal request must include the following:

- A clear explanation of what you are appealing.
- What your situation is and why you are requesting an appeal.
- What makes your circumstances exceptional when compared with other students.
- How your circumstances prevent you from successfully completing your studies.
- What other funding options you have explored, such as part-time work, bursaries, scholarships, personal lines of credit.
- Documentation that supports your appeal.

In some cases, the appeal request will be referred to an independent appeal committee. The appeal committee includes members of the public, students, and financial aid officers from colleges, institutes and universities. Appeal committee recommendations are final. The committee will not consider submissions on policies that are not eligible for appeal.

Note: If your resources – such as student or spousal prestudy income, study period income or assets – have changed, please submit an Appendix 7: Request for Reassessment.

StudentAid BC contact information

Mailing Address:

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Victoria BC V8W 9H7

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c/o StudentAid BC
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835 Humboldt Street
Victoria BC V8V 4W8

If you are calling from

anywhere in Canada/U.S.
toll-free 1-800-561-1818

**If you are calling from
outside North America**

250 387-6100

Email Address:

SABC.AppealsUnit@gov.bc.ca

Fax number

250 356-9455

Toll-free fax number

1-866-312-3322

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Deadlines and Policies not eligible for appeal

Some policies and criteria are not eligible for appeal.

These include but are not limited to the following:

- Grants and/or loan funding for previous program years.
- Deadline for appeal, except where severe medical circumstances prevent submission by the deadline.
- Grant/loan overawards that result from an audit.
- Requests to issue student financial assistance **more than five months after** your study period ends.
- Standard allowances.
- Weekly maximums.
- 10-year maximum (520 weeks).
- B.C. Completion Grant.
- If the student is rehabilitated for student loans after a multiple withdrawal/unsuccessful appeal request and again withdrawals or is unsuccessful.
- Assets including stocks, shares, CSBs, RRSPs, RESPs, mutual funds, etc., unless legal reasons prevented you from selling these assets.
- Policies that are not eligible for appeal are also not eligible for consideration by the independent appeal committee.

Deadlines

Appeals submitted after the deadline will not be considered unless severe medical circumstances have prevented you from submitting the appeal, and all required documentation, on time.

- The deadline to request an appeal of an overaward, other than an overaward resulting from an audit, is 90 days from the date of the original letter mailed to you, advising you of the overaward amounts.
- The deadline to submit an appeal request for a debt management decision is six months from the date of the original letter notifying you of the outcome of your B.C. debt management assessment.
- The deadline to submit an appeal request for all other situations is six weeks before your study period ends.

StudentAid BC cannot guarantee a final decision before your study period ends if either of the following is true:

- Further documentation is required and not submitted by the appropriate deadline.
- Your request is forwarded to the independent appeals committee less than six weeks before your study period ends.

CHECKLIST

Include the following documentation:

- A letter explaining:
 - The reason(s) for each withdrawal and/or unsuccessful semester(s) (along with supporting documentation).
 - Your inability to finance two consecutive semesters or one academic year without StudentAid BC funding.
 - The reason you should be issued further StudentAid BC funding.
 - Your expected completion date, and your future education and employment plans.
- Copies of your post-secondary transcripts (faxed copies are not acceptable).
- A letter from your faculty/department head confirming your ability to complete your program of study in the time frame specified.
- Documentation from a qualified medical practitioner stating that you are now in good health and able to maintain at least 60 per cent of a full course load (40 per cent for students with permanent disabilities).

Notes:

- **Students who appealed for further funding or were reinstated through StudentAid BC after two withdrawals or 68 weeks of unsuccessful study and subsequently withdrew or did not successfully complete the extended funded term are not eligible for further StudentAid BC funding, including reinstatement and/or eligibility for interest-free status. This decision is not subject to an appeal.**
- **If your multiple withdrawal/unsuccessful completion appeal for StudentAid BC funding is successful, or if you have reinstated your eligibility by completing once academic year or two semesters without StudentAid BC funding and again withdraw or have an unsuccessful semester, you will be ineligible for further StudentAid BC funding and interest-free status. This is not subject to appeal, unless extenuating medical or compassionate reasons impacted your ability to attend or successfully complete your full-time studies.**

Allow 4-6 weeks for processing.

PLEASE STAPLE ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO THIS FORM

