

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.

DEPENDENT STUDENT APPEAL CRITERIA

As a [dependent](#) student, you can submit an appeal request for B.C. residency if any of the following apply:

- Your parent(s) reside in or maintain a family home in B.C., even if one parent works in another province.
- Your parent(s) live in B.C., but your sponsor lives in another province.
- Your parent(s) are separated or divorced and the parent with whom you normally reside or from whom the principal financial support is received is a resident of B.C.
- Your parent(s) have been stationed abroad for a definite period of time (e.g. military service) and lived in B.C. for at least 12 months before leaving the country.
- Your parent(s) are not living in Canada and you are studying in B.C.
- Your parent(s) are permanent residents who have been resident in B.C. for less than 12 months prior to the commencement of study.
- Both you and your parents originally resided in B.C., but parent(s) have resided in another province for 12 consecutive months, and you remained in B.C. to begin or continue post-secondary education.

INDEPENDENT STUDENT APPEAL CRITERIA

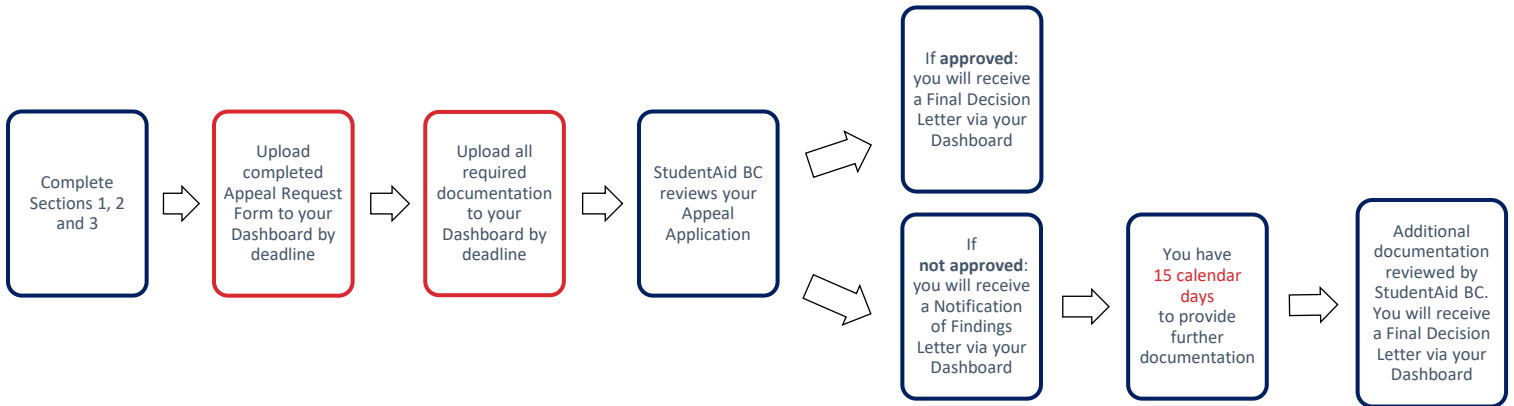
As an [independent](#) student, you can submit an appeal request for B.C. residency if any of the following apply:

- You are married/common-law and both you and your spouse/partner originally received student financial assistance from a province other than B.C. but are now both studying in B.C. and B.C. is the province of residency for one of you.
- You are a married/common-law student from another province attending a B.C. post-secondary institution and your spouse/partner is employed in B.C. The working spouse must provide documentation of employment (pay stubs, letter from employer, etc.) in B.C. for 12 consecutive months prior to the first day of classes in the study period.
- You are considered to be a resident of another province but have completed four years of full-time study in B.C. prior to the start date of classes for which student financial assistance is being requested (the Province of British Columbia will accept these students as residents).
- You and your spouse/partner are both attending school in a third province (in which neither you or your spouse is a resident), each of you will then be considered a resident of your original province, unless mutual agreement among provinces is reached.

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 instructions continue on page 2.



Appeal Request Form starts on page 3.

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

