

StudentAid BC 2025-26 Policy Manual (SIMS & SFAS) Addendum

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Extension of StudentAid BC Application Deadlines

In fall 2025, StudentAid BC experienced a disruption in service delivery due to a labour dispute.

To limit impact on students whose student financial assistance applications were delayed by circumstances beyond their control, StudentAid BC will implement temporary modifications to specific policies as outlined in this addendum to the [2025/26 StudentAid BC Policy Manual](#).

The temporary policy modifications will be in place until December 31, 2025.

Chapter 4, Section 4, Identify Verification and Application

- **Current Policy:**
The final deadline for completed applications to be received by StudentAid BC (including appeals, reassessments, and transfers) is six weeks before the study period end date.
- **Temporary Policy Modification:**
The requirement for completed applications to be received at least six weeks before the student's study period end date will be temporarily waived.

Chapter 4, Section 4, Identity Verification and Application

- **Current Policy:**
Applications received after the deadline will not be processed and are not eligible for student financial assistance, unless approved on appeal. For more information on StudentAid BC's appeal policy, see Chapter 13.
- **Temporary Policy Modification:**
The requirement to submit an appeal in order for a student's application to be processed after the deadline will be temporarily waived.

Chapter 11, Section 2.2, Funds Disbursement

- **Current Policy:**
The NSLSC will release funds if they receive the following before the student's study end date:
 - a valid MSFAA completed and submitted by the student; and
 - a Confirmation of Enrolment submitted by the post-secondary institution.Funds will only be disbursed after the study period end date under exceptional circumstances, and as approved through an appeal process.
- **Temporary Policy Modification:**
The requirement to demonstrate exceptional circumstances through an appeal process before funding can be released after the student's study period end date will be temporarily waived.