Key Changes for 2021-22

The following list represents the key policy and process changes made for the 2021-2022 program year.

**StudentAid BC Key Changes:**

- All British Columbia authorized and regulated online programs offered by British Columbia public and private post-secondary institutions that meet StudentAid BC basic program eligibility requirements will continue to be eligible for student financial assistance for Program Year 2021/22.
  - Online, blended or distance learning programs delivered by post-secondary institutions located outside of British Columbia must continue to meet specific StudentAid BC program eligibility requirements for online, blended or distance learning to be eligible for student financial assistance.
- Students will continue to be able to access full-time student financial assistance for eligible study periods of 6 to 11 weeks (reduced from the previous minimum of 12 weeks) for Program Year 2021/22.
  - Study programs (i.e. credentials – e.g. certificate, diploma, degree) must still be a minimum of 12 weeks within a time frame of 15 weeks to be eligible for student financial assistance.

**Canada Student Financial Assistance Program Key Changes:**

- The name of the Canada Student Loans Program has been changed to the Canada Student Financial Assistance Program (CSFA Program).
- The following Canada Student Grant amounts remain doubled from 2019/20 levels (until July 31, 2023).
  - **Canada Student Grant for Full-Time Students** (from $375 to $750 per month of study)
  - **Canada Student Grant for Full-Time Students with Dependents** (from $200 to $400 per month of study)
  - **Canada Student Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities** (from $2,000 to $4,000 for the academic year)
  - **Canada Student Grant for Part-Time Studies** (from $1,800 to $3,600 for the academic year)
  - **Canada Student Grant for Part-Time Students with Dependents** (from $1,920 to $3,840 for the academic year)
- Effective April 2021, the Government of Canada has suspended the accumulation of interest on Canada Student Loans until March 31, 2022. Subject to federal Parliament approval, the Government of Canada has proposed to extend this measure until March 31, 2023.
- The **Skills Boost Top-up to the Canada Student Grant for Full-Time Students** is extended until July 31, 2023.
- Skills Boost flexibility to use current year income to determine eligibility for Canada Student Grants has been made permanent.
- Student and spousal contributions, removed from the federal need assessment for Canada Student Loans in Program Year, 2020/21, have been reinstated to the federal need assessment for Program Year 2021/22.
- Canada Student Loan weekly maximum amount reinstated to the pre-2020/21 level of $210 per week from $350 per week.