Key Updates for 2022-23

The following list represents the key policy and process updates for the 2022-2023 program year.

StudentAid BC Key Updates:

- The B.C. Access Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities (BCAG-PD) has been updated to the B.C. Access Grant for Students with Disabilities (BCAG-D)
- 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 2022/23.
  - 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 2022/23.
  - 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 Updates:

- Expansion of the definition of disability to include the addition of Persistent or Prolonged Disability. Effective for study periods starting on August 1st, 2022 or later. The names of grants impacted by this change have been updated as follows:
  - Canada Student Grant for Students with Disabilities (CSG-D)
  - Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment - Students with Disabilities (CSG-DSE)
  - Repayment Assistance Plan for Borrowers with Disabilities (RAP-D)
- 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 Dependants** (from $200 to $400 per month of study)
  - **Canada Student Grant for Students with 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 suspended the accumulation of interest on Canada Student Loans until March 31, 2023.
- The Skills Boost Top-up to the Canada Student Grant for Full-Time Students is extended until July 31, 2023.