

Ministry of Colleges and Universities Student Financial Assistance Branch

# 2024-25 OSAP Disability Verification Form

Students Attending Ontario Public Postsecondary Institutions

# Purpose of this form

This form is used to collect information about your disability, including documentation from your health care provider (physician or other regulated health care professional). This information is used to verify your status as a person with a disability for Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) and Ontario Learn and Stay Grant purposes.

If verified, you may:

- Get additional disability-related funding or the rules for getting OSAP and the Ontario Learn and Stay Grant may be adjusted (such as allowing a reduced course load).
- Qualify for funding through the Ontario Bursary for Students with Disabilities (BSWD) and/or
  the Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment Students with Disabilities (CSG-DSE).
  These two programs help eligible students in full-time or part-time studies with the costs of eligible
  disability-related educational services and equipment, such as note-takers, tutors, or assistive
  technology. You must submit a BSWD/CSG-DSE application to be considered. The application is
  available on the OSAP website (ontario.ca/osap). Students in micro-credential studies and students
  who are receiving only the Ontario Learn and Stay Grant are not eligible for BSWD or CSG-DSE.

# Help is available

The office for students with disabilities/accessibility services office or the financial aid office at your school can help you with any questions about this form. The office for students with disabilities/ accessibility services office can also provide information about disability-related equipment, supports, and services available at your school. For more information, see the "Questions?" section on page 2.

# How to complete this form

There are two parts to this form: Section A and Section B.

- Fill out Section A, including the consents and declarations which you must sign and date.
- Section B is completed by your health care provider (physician or other regulated health care professional whose scope of practice includes diagnosing). Send all pages of Section B to your health care provider to complete regarding your disability.

Normally, you are only required to have this form completed once. Your health care provider may charge you a fee for completing the form. You are responsible for paying this fee.

### How to submit this form

Submit both Section A (completed by you) and Section B (completed by your health care provider).

#### Upload it online:

You can upload your completed form online. Log into the OSAP website and go to your OSAP or Ontario Learn and Stay Grant application to use the "Print or upload documents" feature.

### Send in the form:

Send all sections of this form to the financial aid office at your school.

If you are sending in a paper copy, keep a copy of your form and related documents for your own records.

The privacy of all disability information is protected by the ministry under the *Freedom of Information* and *Protection of Privacy Act*.

### Deadline to submit this form

If you have submitted an OSAP Application for Full-Time Students, OSAP Application for Part-Time Students or Ontario Learn and Stay Grant Application, this completed form must be received by your financial aid office no later than 40 days before the end of your study period.

If you have submitted an OSAP Application for Micro-credentials, this completed form must be received no later than 5 days after the end of your study period.

### **Questions?**

If you need help with this form, contact the financial aid office at your school.

The office for students with disabilities/accessibility services office can also help you with questions about how to complete this form. This office will also be able to provide information on other disability-related supports and services available at your school. You may be required to provide them with additional documents when you discuss your disability-related needs for attending school.

# Section A: Student information (to be completed by the student)

What is the name of the school y	ou plan to attend?	
Social Insurance Number:	Student number at your sch	nool:
Ontario Education Number (OEN	), if assigned to you:	
Last name:		
First name:	<b>Date of birth:</b> Day Month	Year
Mailing address		
Street number and name, rural ro	oute, or post office box:	Apartment:
Street number and name, rural ro	oute, or post office box:	Province or state:
City, town, or post office:		Postal code or zip code:
Country:	Area code and	d telephone number:



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# Section A: Consents and declarations of student

# Part 1: Required consents and declarations

- I agree that until my loans, including any grants that are converted into loans, overpayments, and repayments, including any micro-credential student loans or micro-credential grant overpayments, are assessed and repaid, the Ministry of Colleges and Universities (ministry) can, without limitation, collect and exchange personal information about me that is relevant to the administration and financing of the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), the Ontario Learn and Stay Grant and the Canada Student Financial Assistance Program (CSFA Program) with: Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC); Canada Revenue Agency (CRA); National Student Loans Service Centre (NSLSC); my postsecondary school and its authorized financial administration agents and auditors; bodies that administer programs identified on this form; other parties used by the ministry to administer and finance OSAP and the Ontario Learn and Stay Grant; ESDC's contractors and auditors; collection agencies operated or retained by the federal or provincial governments; and consumer reporting agencies.
- I certify that the information provided on this form is accurate and complete, to the best of my
  knowledge. I understand that it is an offence to make a false or misleading statement and
  furthermore, that the ministry may restrict me from receiving disability-related assistance under
  OSAP and the Ontario Learn and Stay Grant in the future and may take legal action and may
  require me to repay any disability-related OSAP and Ontario Learn and Stay Grant funding that I
  received as a result of any false or misleading statement.
- I authorize the physician or other regulated health care professional who has completed Section
  B of this form to provide the requested personal health information to the ministry and my
  postsecondary school and, if required by the ministry or my postsecondary school, to provide
  additional personal health information relating to my disability or disability-related needs.
- I authorize the ministry and my postsecondary school to contact the physician or other regulated
  health care professional if the personal health information provided by him or her is not clear
  or is illegible. This authorization is limited and does not extend to allow the ministry or my
  postsecondary school to gather any personal health information from my physician or other
  regulated health care professional that is not related to this form or any related documentation that
  I have submitted.
- I understand that information I provide, including the personal health information provided by my
  physician or other regulated health care professional, may be verified and audited and, for these
  purposes the ministry may conduct inspections and investigations.

Note: if you are completing this form electronically, use the "Fill & Sign" feature or "Digital ID" in Adobe Reader or your PDF program to add your signature.

Student's signature:	Date: Day	Month	Year	

# Part 2: Optional consent and declaration of student

Sign and date this section only if you agree that your disability-related information on this form can be shared with your school's office for students with disabilities/accessibility services office.

### Why would this be helpful?

- Giving your consent for the information on this form to be shared with your school's office for students with disabilities/accessibility services office may assist this office in discussing available supports, services and accommodations with you.
- This would be particularly helpful if you are in full-time or part-time studies and intend on applying
  for the Ontario Bursary for Students with Disabilities (BSWD) and/or the Canada Student Grant
  for Services and Equipment Students with Disabilities (CSG-DSE). (Note: students in microcredential studies and students who are receiving only the Ontario Learn and Stay Grant are not
  eligible for BSWD or CSG-DSE.)

I authorize the financial aid office at my school and the Ministry of Colleges and Universities to disclose the personal information related to my disability (as provided on this form) to my school's office for students with disabilities/accessibility services office if it is required to determine my eligibility for the Ontario Bursary for Students with Disabilities and/or the Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment – Students with Disabilities.

Note: if you are completing this form electronically, use the "Fill & Sign" feature or "Digital ID" in Adobe Reader or your PDF program to add your signature.

Student's signature:	Date:					
	Day Month Year					

The personal information you and your physician or other regulated health care professional provide in connection with this form, including your Social Insurance Number (SIN), is collected and used by the ministry to determine your eligibility for disability-related assistance under the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) and the Ontario Learn and Stay Grant.

Your personal information will be used to administer and finance OSAP and the Ontario Learn and Stay Grant as set out in the notice of Collection and Use of Personal Information on your OSAP and Ontario Learn and Stay Grant application(s) and in accordance with the consents you signed on your application(s). The Ministry of Colleges and Universities administers and finances OSAP and the Ontario Learn and Stay Grant under the authority set out under the *Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.19 and the regulations made under the Act. If you have any questions about the collection, use and disclosure of your personal information, contact the Director, Student Financial Assistance Branch, Ministry of Colleges and Universities, PO Box 4500, 189 Red River Road, 4th Floor, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7B 6G9; 807-343-7260.



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# Section B: Verification of patient's disability

To be completed by the student's health care provider (physician or other regulated health care professional).

The information provided on this form is used to determine your patient's status as a person with a disability and their eligibility for disability-related funding and/or supports under the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) and the Ontario Learn and Stay Grant. Eligibility is based on factors including but not limited to the student's disability meeting the federal government's definition of either "permanent disability" or "persistent or prolonged disability" and resulting in functional limitations that restrict their ability to perform daily activities necessary to pursue postsecondary studies. Provide clear statements about your patient's disability-related functional limitations and educational barriers. Avoid vague terms like "suggests" or "is indicative of". If more space is required, provide additional details on your official letterhead and attach it to this document.

Complete Section B: Parts 1-6. If any questions or fields are left blank, your patient will not be considered to have a permanent disability or a persistent or prolonged disability for OSAP or Ontario Learn and Stay Grant purposes. Return the completed form and any attachments to your patient.

Patient information					
First name:					
Last name:		Date of birth:			
I		Day Month Year			
<u>-</u>	egulated health care p	rofessional information			
First name:		Area code and telephone number:			
Last name:					
Specialty:					
Indicate all that apply:					
Audiologist/Speech	-Language Pathologist [	Chiropractor Neurologist			
Nurse Practitioner	Occupational Therap	ist Ophthalmologist Optometrist			
Physician – Family	Physician – Psychiat	rist			
Physician - Other (s	specify):				
Physiotherapist	Physiotherapist Psychologist or Psychological Associate Rheumatologist				
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Canadian Provincial/		Place office stamp here - if you do not have an			
Territorial Licence #		office stamp, you must sign and attach your			
Addross		letterhead to this form			
Address					

Patient first name: Last name: Last name:
Part 2: Patient's disability status
A. Permanent disability status
For OSAP and Ontario Learn and Stay Grant purposes, a <b>permanent disability</b> is defined as any impairment, including a physical, mental, intellectual, cognitive, learning, communication or sensory impairment—or a functional limitation—that:
<ul> <li>restricts a student's ability to perform the daily activities necessary to pursue studies at a postsecondary school level or to participate in the labour force, and</li> <li>is expected to remain with the student for their expected life.</li> </ul>
Does the patient have a permanent disability?  ☐ Yes

# B. Persistent or prolonged disability status

□ No

For OSAP and Ontario Learn and Stay Grant purposes, a **persistent or prolonged disability** is defined as any impairment, including a physical, mental, intellectual, cognitive, learning, communication or sensory impairment—or a functional limitation—that:

- restricts a student's ability to perform the daily activities necessary to pursue studies at a postsecondary school level or to participate in the labour force, and
- has lasted, or is expected to last, for a period of at least 12 months, but is not expected to remain with the student for their expected life.

Does the patient have a persistent or prolonged disability?
□ Yes
□ No

If you answered "**No**" to **both** questions above (i.e., "Does the patient have a permanent disability?" and "Does the patient have a persistent or prolonged disability?"), then you may bypass Parts 3-5 and go directly to Part 6 to provide your declaration and signature. Your patient will not be considered to have a permanent disability or a persistent or prolonged disability for OSAP or Ontario Learn and Stay Grant purposes. Before returning the form to the patient, please ensure Parts 1, 2 and 6 are complete.

Patient first name:		Last name:		
Part 3: Nature of patient's dis	ability			
Check all that apply:				
Acquired Brain Injury				
$\square$ Attention Deficit Disorder (	(ADD) / Attent	ion Deficit Hyp	peractivity Disorder (	(ADHD)
☐ Autism Spectrum Disorder (e.g., autism, pervasive dev		order)		
Chronic health/medical dis (e.g., Crohn's disease, epile)	•	in, heart condit	ion)	
$\square$ Deafened, deaf, Deaf or ha	rd of hearing			
Functional / mobility impai (e.g., paraplegia, quadriplegia) bifida, multiple sclerosis)		strophy, cereb	ral palsy, spinal cord ir	njury, spina
Learning disability				
Note: eligibility criteria required in the last 5 years or since the to be acceptable documentated Grant purposes.	ne patient was	18. Individual E	Education Plans are no	ot considered
Answer the following ques	stions:			
Has a psycho-educat ☐ Yes	ional assessn	nent been per	formed by a registere	ed psychologist?
□ No				
If "Yes", enter the	date of the mo	ost recent ass	essment:	
Day Month Y	⁄ear			
Was a learning disab □ Yes	ility confirmed	d?		
□ No				
Mental health impairment				
☐ Visual impairment				
☐ Other disability not indicat	ed above – Sr	pecify:		
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Patient first n	ame: L		Last name:					
Part 4: Mob	ility/movement a	nd/or sensory	impacts					
Check all t	hat apply:							
☐ No mob	ility/movement or se	ensory impacts						
Ambulat	tion	☐ Sitting ☐ S	Stair climbing	Lifti	ing/car	rying/read	ching	
☐ Graspin	g/gripping/dexterity	Low vision (	after correction	on) 🗀 L	_egally	blind	Hearing I	oss
	/ impacts - Specify:			=				
	Specify:							
Describe								
impact(s):								
Part 5: Cog	nitive and/or beha	avioural impac	ts					
Check all t								
_ No cogn	nitive or behavioural	impacts						
Attentior	n and concentration	Memory	Information	on proce	essing	(verbal a	nd written)	
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Commu	nication							
Other - S	Specify:							
Describe 1								
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