



## Student Loan Repayment

### How **INFORMED** are you? You have **OPTIONS!**

#### When does repayment begin?

You must begin to repay your Student Loan(s) when you graduate or cease to be a full-time student.

You are allowed a **six-month non-repayment period after you leave school (Grace Period)** before repayment begins where no payments are required; however, interest does accrue.

#### What is consolidation?

When you arrange to repay your Student loans, this is called consolidation.

During the six-month non-repayment period after you leave school, the NSLSC will mail you a Consolidated Student Loan Agreement. This agreement provides information about:

- the amount of your loan;
- your interest rate;
- your repayment term (how long it will take to repay your loan);
- the amount of each loan payment
- your first payment date
- the amount of your grace period interest – pay it or add it to your loan balance

#### What am I responsible for?

You are responsible for:

- repaying your loan and all accrued and/or capitalized interest
- notifying the service provider if you change your address, your name or your phone number

#### Who do I repay?

National Student Loans Service Centre (NSLSC)

#### How do I repay?

The acceptable payment methods are:

- Pre-Authorized Payment Plan,
- Telephone Banking or Internet Banking
- Cheques – Monthly

You must ensure that your payments are received at the NSLSC **before** the scheduled payment date. If you send the payment on the payment date, it could be received by the service provider a few days after the due date, causing collection activity.

#### What is the interest rate on my Student Loan(s)?

**Floating: Rate will be set at prime plus 2.5%**

**Fixed: Rate will be set at prime plus 5%**

#### Can I claim a tax credit for the interest I pay on my Student Loan?

Yes. A student loan tax credit allows you to deduct the interest that you pay on your student loans each year. This credit applies to interest payments you make on loans, and the appropriate documents will be sent to you in the mail.

#### What if I have trouble repaying my loan?

If you have trouble finding employment or find it difficult to repay your Student Loan because of financial hardship, there is help.

Programs such as Revision of Terms and the Repayment Assistance Plan are available to either defer or reduce your required monthly payment.



### Can I make additional payments to reduce the amount of interest I pay?

In addition to your minimum monthly payments, you can make lump sum payments, or increase your monthly payment amount for your loan **at any time** during the life of your loans. These extra amounts will reduce your principal faster and therefore reduce the amount of interest you pay on your loan. You can also pay your loans in full at any time without penalty. Contact your service provider to obtain your current balance as it will change daily.

### Can I get information on-line?

Yes, there are a number of resources you can take advantage of on the internet. A great resource is **Canlearn.ca** the government of Canada's website to help Canadians save, plan and pay for post-secondary education. It has a lot of information about how to manage your loan(s) as well as a link to the National Student Loans Service Centre (NSLSC) website. The NSLSC website allows you to sign up for an online account and:

- Check the status of your student loan
- Check the balance of your loan(s)
- Review details of new loans you've recently received
- Update your Mailing and Permanent Addresses and other contact information on-line
- Review your loan payment and transaction history
- Receive helpful information about your loan in your Personal Message Centre
- Customize your repayment amount
- Apply for debt management programs (RAP)

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#### Contact Information:



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