

As of the 2017-18 academic year, students may have a portion or all of their Ontario Student Grant (OSG) converted into Ontario Student Loan (OSL) as a result of a change in circumstances.

Circumstances when grant may be converted to loan

1. If a student withdraws from full-time studies within the first 30 days of their study period and does not return to full-time studies within five months.
 - The student is deemed ineligible for the OSG and any OSG that has been issued to the student is converted to loan.
 - Conversion will take place at the beginning of the sixth month after the student's withdrawal date to ensure grants are converted to loan before the student's repayment obligations kick in.
 - Exception: if the student had to withdraw within the first 30 days due to an exceptional circumstance, the converted OSL may be reverted back to OSG through a separate review process.
2. If the ministry is unable to verify the income reported by the student and their expected contributor(s) (if applicable) within 12 months of the student's first day of class.
 - Any OSG that has been issued to the student will be converted to loan.
 - This rule applies for each academic year for which income cannot be verified.
 - Exception: when there is a lower estimated income review for the student's spouse/parents, if income is verified between 12 and 24 months after the student's first day of class, the student can request a review to have the grant to loan conversion reversed.
3. If at the end of the study period, the student is not entitled to all or part of the OSG they were issued.

A student's OSAP funding is reassessed throughout the study period when their circumstances change, such as reduced course load, drop to part-time studies, fully withdrawing from studies.

- Any overpaid amounts of OSG at the end of the study period will be converted to loan.
- The overpayment could result in a restriction for further OSAP funding.
- Exception: if the reassessment is due to an exceptional circumstance that caused the student to fully withdraw from studies, the converted OSL may be reverted back to OSG through a review process.

Contact

If you have questions and are studying within Ontario, contact your school's Financial Aid Office. If you are studying outside of Ontario, contact OSAP at 1-888-449-4478.