

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

Circumstances when grant may be converted to loan

1. If the individual withdraws from full-time studies within the first 30 days of their study period and does not return to full-time studies.
 - 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 five (5) months after the withdrawal date to ensure grants are converted to loan before repayment obligations kick in.
 - Early withdrawals may also mean that a portion of the grant converted to loan is an overpayment.
 - Exception: if the student withdraws within the first 30 days due to an extenuating circumstance, the converted OSL may be reverted back to OSG through a review process.

2. If the ministry is unable to verify the financial information reported by the individual and their expected contributor (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.
 - Failure to verify income does not (on its own) result in an overpayment.
 - Exception: when there is a lower estimated income review for the student's spouse/parents, there would be 24 months to verify income.

3. If at the end of the study period, as a result of an OSAP reassessment, the student is not entitled to all or part of the OSG grant that they were issued.
 - Any overpaid amounts of OSG will be converted to loan.
 - Exception: if the reassessment is due to an extenuating circumstances, the converted OSL may be reverted back to OSG through a review process.

Contact

If you have questions, contact OSAP at 1-888-449-4478; unless you are enrolled in a public postsecondary institution within Ontario; in which case, you should contact your institution's Financial Aid Office.