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The Adult Upgrading Grant (AUG) provides needs-based support to students enrolled in Developmental Programs. This grant covers the costs associated with fees, books, unsubsidized childcare and transportation for students most in need of financial assistance. This grant also supports the cost of tuition for Adult Special Education programs.

WHO IS ELIGIBILITY?

Applicants must:

- Be a Canadian Citizen, permanent resident, or protected person. If not a Canadian Citizen, you must provide a copy of Canadian immigration document (IMM 1000, IMM 5292, IMM 5509, permanent resident card, or other Canada issued documentation).
- Be a BC resident.
- Be enrolled in one or more of the following approved course(s): Adult Basic Education, Adult Special Education, or English as a Second Language.
- Demonstrate financial need. You must provide a copy of previous year's tax return or other proof of income.

HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply for the Adult Upgrading Grant, you must complete and sign the application. Once complete, you are required to attach all required information outlined above with the signed application and submit it to the Financial Aid Office at your post-secondary institution.

When completing the application, please to refer to page 2 (Application Instructions) for additional information.

Please note: Section 8 of the application form is for Finance Aid Office use only. This section will be used to determine your grant amount.

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Application instructions

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION

Question	Instruction
1-12	Please provide your most up-to-date information.
13	Identify your Marital Status; choose one of the choices provided that best describes your status. You are a single parent if you have custody of your child(ren), or your child(ren) live with you at least two days per week during your entire study period. Common-law relationship is a person with whom you are living in a marriage-like relationship at least 12 continuous months; s/he is the parent of your child by birth or adoption; or has custody and control of your child (or had custody and control immediately before the child turned 19 years of age) and your child is wholly dependent on this person for support.
14	Indicate whether you are a Canadian Citizen, Landed Immigrant/Permanent resident; or Protected Person/Convention Refugee. Note: you must attach a copy of the appropriate legal documentation (IMM 1000, permanent resident card, or other legal documentation) that confirms your status or that your application for permanent resident has been successful.
15-16	Indicate whether you identify yourself as an Indigenous person and Indigenous identity group (if applicable).
17	Identify that you meet the B.C. residency requirement. You are a B.C. resident if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You have lived in B.C. all your life; or B.C. is the province where you last lived for 12 continuous months, as of your study start date, not including months of full-time post-secondary study; or You arrived in B.C. as a permanent resident or landed immigrant, or protected person.
18	Identify that you have a Person With a Disability (PWD) designation as determined by the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction. A confirmation from the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction indicating that you have a PWD designation may be required along with this application.
20	If ANY of the following criteria applies to you, check the "yes" box: "Yes" means you are an independent applicant. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are 22 years of age or older; or You are a single parent, common-law, married, divorced or widowed as indicated in question 13; or You have a PWD designation as indicated in question 18; or You do not currently live in your parent's or legal guardian's home. <p><i>Guardian means the person who is charged with the legal right and duty of care for a person, including children, due to the person's inability (due to age, mental or physical inability) to care for him/herself.</i></p> <p>If you answered "No", it means you are a dependent applicant. Please have your parent(s) answer questions 22-24 where applicable.</p>
21	If you answered 'yes' for question 20, please include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yourself Your spouse/common-law partner Your dependent children. <p>If you answered 'no' for question 20, please have your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) complete this section to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant (yourself) Your parents Your parents'/legal guardians' dependent children under the age of 19 and dependent children over 19 with special needs.
22-23	Enter line 150 from your 2017 income tax return. IF YOU DID NOT FILE INCOME TAX in 2017, leave question 22 blank and proceed to question 23. If you answered "No" for question 20, have your parent(s) answer questions 22-24 where applicable. If the amount on line 150 of your 2017 income tax return is above the income threshold listed in Section 2 and you received the AUG between April 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018, please see Financial Aid Office to confirm your eligibility.
24	Other sources of income include income derived from assets such as investments, rental property and businesses owned inside and outside of Canada, and monetary gifts.
25	The total of unsubsidized day-care cost is the amount of licensed childcare cost not covered by child care subsidy from other agencies or governments.
26	Enter the amount of travel cost needed in order to attend the registered course or program during the study period.
27	Indicate the school and campus where you will be attending this period of study. Indicate the type of course(s), the course dates and the number of course weeks. Course Type is categorized as follows: Adult Basic Education, English as a Second Language, Adult Special Education.

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SECTION 2: INCOME (INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF CANADA)

To be considered for the Adult Upgrading Grant, you must demonstrate financial need. Eligibility is determined based on income and family size.

Family Size	Income Level
1	\$24,144
2	\$30,059
3	\$36,955
4	\$44,866
5	\$50,887
6	\$57,392
7 or more	\$63,898

Income is defined by the amount of yearly income (line 150 of income tax return) and income derived from assets such as investments, rental property, and businesses inside and outside of Canada and monetary gifts.

If the amount on line 150 of your 2017 income tax return is above the income threshold and you received the AUG between April 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018, please see the Financial Aid Office to confirm your eligibility.

- DEPENDENT applicant must have parent(s) or legal guardian(s) complete the necessary income field.
- INDEPENDENT applicant must have spouse or common-law partner complete the necessary income field (if applicable).

	APPLICANT	PARENT(S)/ LEGAL GUARDIAN(S)	SPOUSE / COMMON-LAW PARTNER
(22) Reported income from line 150 of your 2017 income Tax Return. Note: If you did not file a tax return in 2017, leave blank and proceed to question 23.	\$ _____ .00	Parent 1 \$ _____ .00 Parent 2 \$ _____ .00	\$ _____ .00
Note: question 23 should be left blank if you answered question 22. (23) What was your gross income in 2017? (Include wages/earnings, Income Assistance, Employment Insurance benefits, Employment Program for Persons with Disabilities income (EPPD), and any other source of taxable income.)	\$ _____ .00	Parent 1 \$ _____ .00 Parent 2 \$ _____ .00	\$ _____ .00
(24) Other sources of income (investments, rental property, businesses inside and outside of Canada, and monetary gifts).	\$ _____ .00	Parent 1 \$ _____ .00 Parent 2 \$ _____ .00	\$ _____ .00

It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that receiving the Adult Upgrading Grant does not impact Income Assistance and Employment Insurance eligibility.

SECTION 3: EXCEPTIONAL EXPENSES (Complete only if applicable)

(25) Enter the total unsubsidized day-care costs you need during class hours for the study period. \$ _____ .00

(26) Enter the total amount of travel costs needed to get to your class during the study period. \$ _____ .00

You may be required to provide documentation to support these estimates amount.

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SECTION 4: APPLICANT DECLARATION

This is the declaration and Canada Revenue Agency consent form. Read the declaration carefully. If you do not understand it, ask for assistance at your financial aid office.

I am applying for financial assistance under the terms and conditions of the Ministry of Advanced Education.

I. I understand that:


1. It is my responsibility to make sure the information on this application, and/or all the documents forming part of it is accurate;
2. The post-secondary institution will determine the amount of money I may be eligible to receive;
3. It is against the law to make false or misleading statements on this application or all documents forming part of it;
4. If I do not provide complete, accurate information or if I obtain or attempt to access financial assistance by fraudulent means, I will be denied the Adult Upgrading Grant;
5. All information is subject to audit and verification;
6. If I receive money and then it is discovered that my application, or documents forming a part of it, is not accurate, I may be required to repay all or part of the money. I will be required to do this if the mistake was made by me, my spouse/common-law partner, parent(s), legal guardian; and
7. If I receive the Adult Upgrading Grant financial assistance, a portion or all of my disbursement may be sent directly to my school to pay educational fees.

II. I understand that by signing below it means:

1. I have read the Ministry instructions provided with this application;
2. I have accurately answered all questions on the application and all documents forming a part of it;
3. I certify that all information is complete and accurate and I have not altered or added to any of the pre-printed application;
4. I need student financial assistance to continue my education;
5. For the purposes of research and verifying and/or investigating information pertaining to this application, related documents, and any other money payable or repayable, I consent to the collection, use and disclosure of my personal information between the Ministry of Advanced Education, educational institutions, financial aid offices, First Nations governments/bands, and federal, provincial, municipal ministries/departments/agencies. This consent takes effect when I sign this Declaration.

Collection and use of information. The information included in this form and authorized above is collected and managed in accordance with Section 26 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and under the authority of the *Canada Student Financial Assistance Act*, R.S.C. 1994, Chapter C-28 and the Ministry. The information provided will be used to determine eligibility for a benefit through the Ministry. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information, contact Ministry of Advanced Education, PO Box 9173, Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9H7, call 1-800-561-1818 (toll-free in Canada/U.S.) or 250 387-6100 (outside North America).


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CANADA REVENUE AGENCY CONSENT

For the purpose of verifying the data provided in this application for student assistance, I hereby consent to the release, by the Canada Revenue Agency, to the Ministry of Advanced Education, (or a person delegated by the ministry), of taxpayer information from any portion of my income tax records that pertains to information given by me on any Ministry application. The information will be relevant to, and used solely for the purposes of determining and verifying my eligibility for the Adult Upgrading Grant. This authorization is valid for the two taxation years prior to the year of signature of this consent, the year of signature of this consent and for any other subsequent consecutive taxation year for which assistance is requested.

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SECTION 5: PARENT(S) OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(S) AND SPOUSE OR COMMON-LAW DECLARATION

I. I understand that:

1. The student will have access to information provided in this document;
2. The student's post-secondary institution will have access to information provided in this application form;
3. It is against the law to make false or misleading statements on this application or all documents related to it;
4. It is my responsibility to make sure the information on this application is accurate; and
5. All information is subject to audit and verification.

II. I understand that signing my name on this application form means:

1. I certify that the information I have given is correct and complete and that I have not altered or added to any of the Adult Upgrading Grant application and/or questions;
2. I have authorized the student to immediately notify the Financial Aid Office of the post-secondary institution of any increase in my income;
3. I consent to the exchange of information between the post-secondary institution and the Province of British Columbia about my financial status. This consent takes effect when I sign this declaration.

For the purposes of verifying and/or investigating information pertaining to this application, I consent to the collection, use and disclosure of my personal information between the Ministry of Advanced Education, educational institutions, financial aid offices, First Nations governments/bands, and federal, provincial, municipal ministries/departments/agencies. This consent takes effect when I sign this Declaration.

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SECTION 6: COURSE DETAILS

(27) Indicate the school and campus where the student will be attending this period of study. Indicate the type of course(s), the course dates and the number of course weeks.

Name of Institution _____

Campus _____

Course Type	Course Code/Number	Course Name	Previously received funding for this course	Course Start Date	Course End Date	Number of Weeks
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
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SECTION 7: FOR FINANCIAL AID OFFICE USE ONLY

Adult Upgrading Grant Recommendation

Tuition (ASE only)	Fees	Books	Supplies	Transportation	Unsubsidized Daycare	Total Award
\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Important : All funded activity must be reported through the electronic reporting system

APPROVED

DENIED

Financial Aid Officer Comments

FINANCIAL AID OFFICER SIGNATURE

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