

Summary of Changes to the 2018/2019 Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) and University and College Entrance Preparation Program (UCEPP) Guidelines

- The Objective of UCEPP has changed to include entrance into post-secondary programs in general rather than specifying “degree and diploma programs” which means students can take it to gain entrance into certificate programs (Section 2.2)
- Students are eligible for UCEPP even if they have been previously supported by the Department of Indigenous Services (DISC) for post-secondary programs (Section 4.2)
Example: This may be useful for students who have completed a certificate, diploma, or degree but require upgrading in order to access admission into another program.
- Programs under one academic year are eligible for PSSSP funding (Section 4.3)
- Students can now take UCEPP outside of Canada (Section 4.4)
- Official transcript fees and application fees have been added into eligible expenditures (Section 6).
- Maximum amounts payable to each PSSSP and UCEPP students (Levels 1 and 2) has increased from \$35, 000 per year to \$50, 0000 per year (Section 6.2)
- Maximum amounts payable to students in advanced or professional programs (Level 3 and 4) under extraordinary or justifiable circumstances have increased from \$50, 000 per year to \$85, 000 per year. This no longer needs to be reviewed by INAC BC before approval is granted (Section 6.2)
- The Levels within Limits of Assistance have changed as follows (Section 6.2.1):
 - *Level 1: Certificate/Diploma*
 - *Level 2: Undergraduate Degree Program*
 - *Level 3: Graduate Degree/Advanced or Professional Degree*
 - *Level 4: Doctoral Degrees*
- Students may now receive assistance to complete more than one program at each level (Section 6.2.1)

Example: A First Nation may fund a student to complete a second masters degree after having completed one previously.

- Students who have completed a Level 2, 3, or 4 program are now eligible for PSSSP funding for program assistance at lower levels (Section 6.2.1)

Example: A First Nation may fund a student to complete a diploma (Level 1) after having been funded to complete an undergraduate degree (Level 2).

- The maximum time limit for financial support for UCEPP is now 24 months (2 academic years) rather than the previous 12 months (1 academic year) (Section 6.2.2).