

OSAP & SLOC

The differences between the Ontario Student Assistance Program and a Student Line of Credit

OSAP

SLOC

What is it?

OSAP is a government funded financial aid program

SLOC is a loan that can be applied for through all major Canadian banks

How can you be eligible?

- Canadian Citizen
- Permanent Resident
- Protected Person

- Canadian Citizen
- Permanent Resident

Must be enrolled in undergraduate, diploma, or certificate program

Must be enrolled in undergraduate, graduate, diploma, or certificate program

What's taken into consideration?

- Educational Expenses
- Parent's Income
- Student's Income

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Parental Support



OSAP

Family financial status assessed if you graduated less than 4 years ago (students are deemed independent 4 years after graduation)

Parents are not financially responsible for the loan

SLOC

Undergraduates will require a co-signer

The co-signer will be required to pay loan if the student is unable to do so

Graduate students are able to apply on their own

Interest Rates

OSAP

Full-time students get an interest free loan \$\$\$\$\$

Provincial portion: Prime + 1% \$\$\$\$\$

Variable federal portion: Prime + 2.5% \$\$\$\$\$

Fixed federal portion: Prime + 5% \$\$\$\$\$

SLOC

Interest will accrue once funds are used \$\$\$\$\$

During studies: Prime + 1% \$\$\$\$\$

After studies: Prime + 2% \$\$\$\$\$

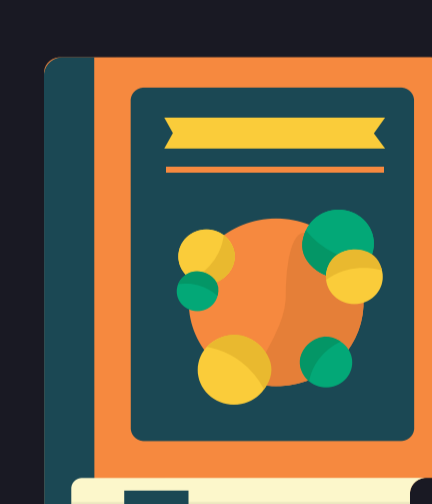
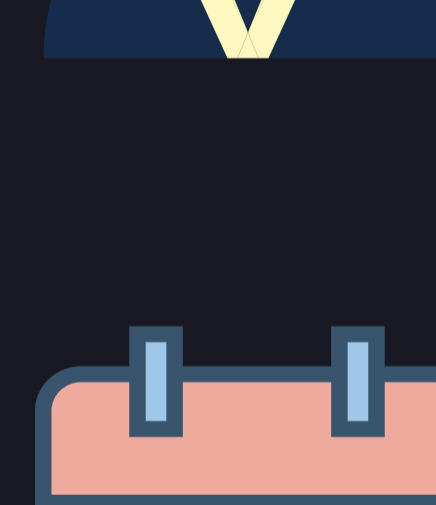
Rates may change depending on the bank \$\$\$\$\$

Repayment

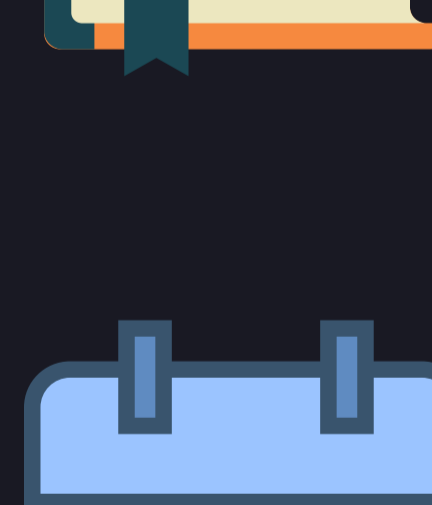
Federal portion will begin to accrue upon graduation



Provincial portion will accrue after 6 months and payment will be required



Required to pay of the interest every month while in school



Interest will increase 2 years after graduation and payments will be required

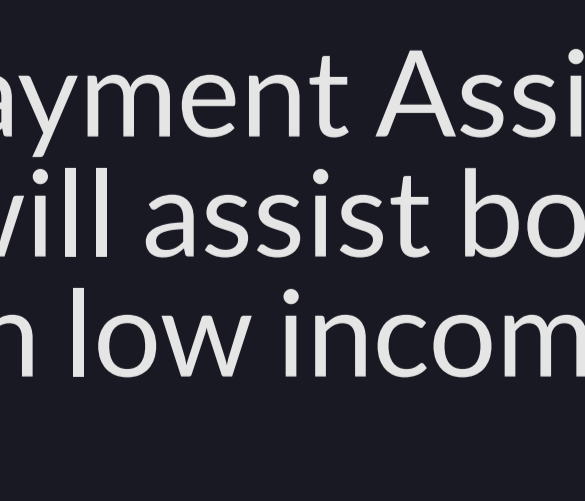
Reapplying

OSAP eligibility is based on a yearly application

SLOC lasts for the duration of the program

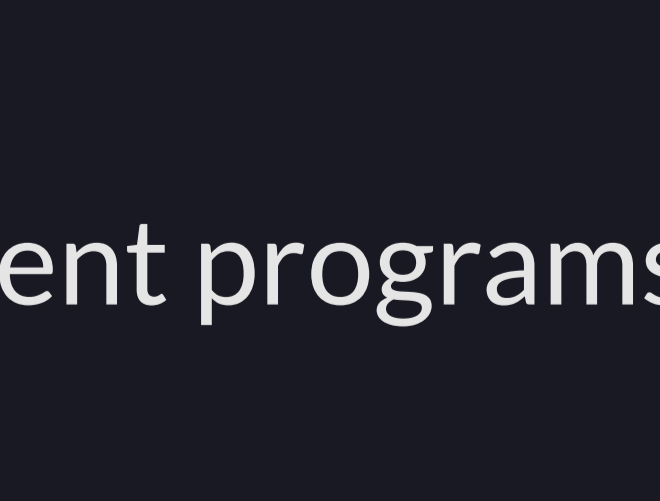
Payment Support

The Repayment Assistance Program will assist borrowers with low income



Payment can be lowered or put on hold for six months depending on income and family size

No payment programs offered



*Check with your financial institution; rates may change