

Loan Forgiveness for Nurses and Nurse Practitioners



The Saskatchewan Student Loan Forgiveness for Nurses and Nurse Practitioners program was introduced to attract nurses and nurse practitioners to work in under-served communities by forgiving a portion of their student loans.

What's important?

Up to \$20,000 of Saskatchewan Student Loan debt can be forgiven for nurses and nurse practitioners who choose to work in an under-served community.

To be eligible, nursing professionals must have started employment in a designated community by the following dates:

- **April 1, 2012** onward: All communities with a population of 10,000 or under, as well as Weyburn, Estevan, Lloydminster (SK).
- **January 1, 2023** onward: Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, Swift Current, Yorkton, The Battlefords.

The amount eligible for loan forgiveness is calculated annually and paid as a reduction to the provincial student loan. Eligible nurses and nurse practitioners receive one-fifth (20%) of their outstanding Saskatchewan Student Loan debt, up to \$4,000 annually for up to five years, to a maximum of \$20,000.

How to apply

Graduates must apply within 90 days of completing 12 consecutive months of service in a designated community. Recipients must **re-apply** after each year of service to continue receiving the benefit.

Did you know?

Graduates who live and work in Saskatchewan can apply for the Graduate Retention Program, which provides up to \$20,000 in tax credits for tuition fees paid. Graduates can receive benefits from the Graduate Retention Program and Student Loan Forgiveness Program at the same time.

Canada Loan Forgiveness for Nurses

The [Canada Loan Forgiveness for Nurses](#) program forgives up to \$30,000 of Canada Student Loan debt for eligible nursing professionals who practice in rural and remote communities.

Eligible nursing professionals can apply for both the federal and provincial programs. Applications must be submitted separately.

Graduates can receive up to **\$50,000** in student loan forgiveness by utilizing both programs!

Where can I get more information?

For more information about Loan Forgiveness for Nurses and Nurse Practitioners or to learn more about student financial aid options, visit:

Online: saskatchewan.ca/student-aid

Toll-free: 1-800-597-8278

Email: studentservices@gov.sk.ca

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