



Congratulations. Your RESP is Maturing.

It is now time to start the process of getting funds for your student's education.

To ensure your student gets the most from your savings, there are decisions that need to be made now based on his or her plans for post-secondary education.

Start the Process Now - Receiving payments from your RESP.

Your net contributions will be returned to you so that you can use these funds to help your student start their post-secondary education. As your plan is maturing this year, we need instructions from you regarding the return of your contributions. Review your options below and complete the Maturity Application form **M**. **The deadline is July 31.**

Maturity Options for your Plan

Option 1 | MATURE EXISTING AGREEMENT AND RETAIN GRANTS

Choose this option if your student will be entering an eligible post-secondary program this year.

Proof of enrolment in a recognized post-secondary institution and program is required. Submit with your application: a copy of the tuition fee payment receipt or an enrolment letter, or complete Part B of the Verification of Enrolment section on the Maturity Application.

Option 2 | MATURE EXISTING AGREEMENT AND WAIVE GRANTS

Choose this option if your student has not accumulated any grants in their plan, if your student is not a resident of Canada or if your child has no plans to enter a post-secondary program.

Grants accumulated in your agreement will be forfeited and returned to the government. Choosing this option will not affect the student's eligibility to apply for Education Assistance Payments (EAPs) in the future.

Option 3 | DELAY MATURITY OF THE EXISTING AGREEMENT UNTIL NEXT YEAR AND RETAIN GRANTS

Choose this option if your student will not be entering a post-secondary program this year but may do so in the future.

The maturity date of your agreement will be delayed until the next July. All government grants accumulated will be maintained. Keep in mind the age of your child when considering this option, as it may affect your ability to transfer from a Family Group Plan or their eligibility for future EAPs (see article below).

Understand the Option to Transfer to the Family Single Student Plan

A great feature of the Family Group Plan* is the option you have to transfer to a Family Single Student Plan which will give you more choice on how to receive EAPs from your RESP. Both the Family Group and Family Single Student Plans return your net contributions at maturity. However, the Family Group Plan has a structured schedule that pre-determines when you will receive your EAPs.

With a Family Single Student Plan, you would have greater control over the amount and timing of your EAPs. It is also a good option if you would like to withdraw the majority of your funds immediately for post-secondary education or if you need to transfer your RESP to an RRSP in the future.**

There may be certain situations where the transfer option best fits your student's education plans, particularly if he or she is not certain which program to attend, or is unlikely to complete 3-4 years of post-secondary education in a qualifying program.

THE CHOICE IS YOURS

However, it is important to understand that your total payout could be lower with the Family Single Student Plan because you are no longer part of the shared pool. The Family Group Plan benefits from attrition value and discretionary top-ups whereas the Family Single Student Plan does not. The transfer option is available up until the student's 19th birthday or before your existing Family Group Plan matures. Once you have transferred from the Family Group Plan to the Family Single Student Plan, you cannot transfer back to the Family Group Plan.

*Not available for Classic Plans

**Subject to Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) guidelines and the Income Tax Act (ITA).

How to Transfer

To request a transfer, complete the Family Group Plan Transfer Request Form **T**

The maturity date of your new plan will be the same as the maturity date of your Family Group Plan.

To select a maturity option for your new plan, complete the Maturity Application form **M** and submit both forms two to four weeks prior to the July 31 deadline to allow for sufficient processing time.

Maturity Options for your new Family Single Student Plan

Option 4 | MATURE THE NEW AGREEMENT AND RETAIN GRANTS

Choose this option if your student will be entering an eligible post-secondary program this year.

Proof of enrolment in a recognized post-secondary institution and program is required. Submit with your application: a copy of the tuition fee payment receipt or an enrolment letter, or complete Part B of the Verification of Enrolment section on the Maturity Application.

Option 5 | MATURE THE NEW AGREEMENT AND WAIVE GRANTS

Choose this option if your student has not accumulated any grants in their plan, if your student is not a resident of Canada or if your child has no plans to enter a post-secondary program.

Grants accumulated in your agreement will be forfeited and returned to the government. Choosing this option will not affect the student's eligibility to apply for EAPs.

Option 6 | DELAY THE MATURITY OF THE NEW AGREEMENT UNTIL NEXT YEAR AND RETAIN GRANTS

Choose this option if your student will not be entering a post-secondary program this year but may do so in the future.

The maturity date of your agreement will be delayed until July of next year. All government grants accumulated will be maintained.

The Next Step – Qualifying for Education Assistance Payments

FAMILY SINGLE STUDENT PLAN

Once you mature your Family Single Student Plan, you can apply for an EAP. EAPs include the income earned on your savings, plus government grants and the income they earned within the RESP. You can choose the amount and timing† of the EAPs. To apply for an EAP, complete the Verification of Enrolment form available at knowledgefirstfinancial.ca.

FAMILY GROUP PLAN

For Family Group Plans, a total of three EAPs are paid out to the student in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th calendar years following the year of maturity if they are enrolled in a qualified program. However, if the student is currently in the 1st year level of their program, he or she may qualify for an EAP in the same calendar year that you mature your plan if one of the following applies:

- Your student repeated his or her 1st year program
- Your student transferred over to a new 1st year program
- Your student completed a program in the previous calendar year

You must return the enrolment confirmation of your student's attendance or a copy of his or her diploma from the previous institution or program and complete all sections of the Verification of Enrolment form.

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