

Interest Free Status for Medical Residents (Alberta Student Loans only)

You are not required to pay interest or make payments (interest free status) on your Alberta Student Loans while you are completing medical residency training.

Definition of “medical resident”

A “medical resident” means a physician who is engaged in medical residency training recognized by:

- The College of Family Physicians of Canada
- The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or
- A body equivalent to the colleges referred to above that is recognized by the Minister and is located outside of Canada

What do you have to do?

- You are responsible to advise EDULINX and/or your lending institutions that you are in medical residency training.
- You will be required to have your educational institution sign a Confirmation of Registration Form B or create a letter on school letterhead.
- The educational institution signing your Form B must be a designated school for Alberta Student Loan funding.
- You will need to submit the Form B or letter to EDULINX and/or your lending institutions holding your Alberta Student Loan each year.

For which loans can I get interest free status?

This only applies to your Alberta Student Loans. You will still be required to make payments on your Canada Student Loans. If you are having trouble making payments on your Canada Student Loan(s), contact the National Student Loans Service Centre and/or your lending institution about Repayment Assistance or Revision of Terms. You can create a Repayment Assistance application and Revision of Terms request online using NSLSC On-Line Services at canlearn.ca.

For more information, contact:

- EDULINX toll-free at 1-866-827-0310, Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. your local time, in North America, or edulinx.ca
 - Outside North America toll-free at 800-2-529-9242, plus appropriate country code
 - For the hearing impaired, toll-free TTY number at 1-866-587-1853
- The financial aid office at your school
- The ALIS website at alis.alberta.ca/studentsfinance