



**Adult Upgrading Grant:
Frequently Asked Questions 2015-2016**

Adult Upgrading Grant – General Questions and Answers:

1. What is the Adult Upgrading Grant?

The Adult Upgrading Grant (AUG) provides financial support to low income learners enrolled in Adult Basic Education, English as a Second Language, and Adult Special Education programs at British Columbia public post-secondary institutions.

Financial support received from this grant is non-repayable, meaning students do not have to pay back the funding they receive.

2. What is covered under the Adult Upgrading Grant?

This grant covers the costs associated with tuition, student fees, books, unsubsidized childcare and transportation for learners most in need of financial assistance.

3. Am I eligible?

You may be eligible if you meet all of the following:

- an adult
- attending a public post-secondary institution in B.C. and enrolled in an approved Adult Basic Education, Adult Special Education, or English as a Second Language course
- a Canadian Citizen, permanent resident, or protected person¹
- a BC resident
- able to demonstrate your gross family income is below the level listed in sections six and seven

4. How do I apply?

The AUG application is available online: <https://studentaidbc.ca/explore/grants-scholarships/adult-upgrading-grant>. The application form is also available in the Financial Aid Office at the post-secondary institution you choose for your Adult Upgrading studies.

Once you complete the application form, you are required to print, sign and submit it to the Financial Aid Office at your post-secondary institution. Should you require further assistance, please contact the institutions' Financial Aid Office.

¹ A protected person status document or determination letter can only be issued by Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) and/or Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada, <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/guides/5520ETOC.aspsee>

5. Is the Adult Upgrading Grant available at all BC post-secondary institutions?

The Adult Upgrading Grant is available to students attending BC public post-secondary institutions that deliver Adult Basic Education, English as a Second Language and Adult Special Education programs, and have been approved to administer the grant. These are:

British Columbia Institute of Technology Camosun College Capilano University College of New Caledonia College of the Rockies Douglas College Kwantlen Polytechnic University Langara College Native Education College Nicola Valley Institute of Technology	North Island College Northern Lights College Northwest Community College Okanagan College Selkirk College Thompson Rivers University University of the Fraser Valley Vancouver Community College Vancouver Island University
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6. Can I receive the Adult Upgrading Grant if I am taking an upgrading course in my school district?

No, the Adult Upgrading Grant is available **only** to students registered for ABE, ESL and ASE courses at the post-secondary institutions listed above.

7. Can I receive the Adult Upgrading Grant if I am working, receiving employment insurance benefits, income assistance support, or other financial support?

Yes. However, students’ gross family income and the total from other financial supports must be under the income level listed below in order to be eligible for AUG.

Family Size	Income level
1	\$23,647
2	\$29,439
3	\$36,192
4	\$43,941
5	\$49,839
6	\$56,209
7 or more	\$62,581

8. Am I eligible to receive the AUG if my gross family income and other financial supports exceed the income threshold by a small amount?

Students whose gross family income and other financial supports exceed the income threshold by up to 10% will be eligible to receive up to 50% of the tuition cost (other costs are not eligible).

Maximum Gross Family Income limits for AUG eligibility

Family Size	Income level	Income level at 10% above threshold
1	\$23,647	\$26,011.70
2	\$29,439	\$32,382.90
3	\$36,192	\$39,811.20
4	\$43,941	\$48,335.10
5	\$49,839	\$54,822.90
6	\$56,209	\$61,829.90
7 or more	\$62,581	\$68,839.10