

## WHAT IS THE PROVINCIAL TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM?

- The program waives tuition and mandatory fees for B.C. students who are former youth in care between the ages of 19 and up to their 27<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- The program applies to full-time and part-time certificates, diplomas and undergraduate degrees at 25 public post-secondary institutions, Native Education College and 10 Union Institutes.
- Currently, 806 former youth in care are benefiting compared to about 189 former youth in care in 2016-17.
- Students are enrolled in all types of programs—social work, academic arts, nursing, pre-medical studies, trades, business administration and graphic design.

### Quick Facts:

- About 2,200 students in the post-secondary education system may be eligible.
- Top three schools with the most students receiving the waiver are VIU (93), Camosun College (90) and the University of the Fraser Valley (62).
- \$3.6 million paid in tuition and fees to 24 public post-secondary institutions and Native Education College for 806 students as of February 2019.

### Quotes:

- *"People should keep in mind that youth in care come from very traumatizing pasts. Communication is something that a lot of youth in care really struggle with because they are moving around so much or are isolated."* Rose, Selkirk College
- *"Overall, it's been a big stress reliever and allowed me to focus on my studies."* Kyle, SFU
- *"Now, my narrative is more than my past. I identify as a university student, professional and activist."* Ruby, VIU

### Timeline:

- **Pre-September 2017:** A voluntary patchwork of bursaries and grants at 11 public post-secondary institutions
- **September 1st, 2017:** Expansion to all 25 public post-secondary institutions
- **Budget 2018:** \$2 million annually for the provincial tuition waiver program
- **Budget 2018:** Expansion of the Ministry of Children and Family Development's Agreements with Young Adults
- **June 2018:** Announced \$250,000 contribution to the Youth Futures Education fund for additional wrap around supports
- **July 1, 2018:** expanded to 10 union-based training providers

## WHAT IS THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA?

- from British Columbia;
- aged between 19 to 26 years; and
- have been in care for a minimum total of 24 months.
- attend a B.C. public post-secondary institution, Native Education College or one of 10 union trades training schools.
- *Care is defined as:*
  - Continuing Custody Order
  - Temporary Custody Order
  - Special Needs Agreement
  - Voluntary Care Agreement
  - Youth Agreement
  - Adoption
  - Extended Family Program
  - Permanent Transfer of Custody Order
  - Temporary Transfer of Custody
  - Interim Custody Order
  - Child in Home of Relative

## HOW DO I APPLY?

- Want to learn more? Visit [gov.bc.ca/tuitionwaiver](http://gov.bc.ca/tuitionwaiver)
- Got a question? Email [tuitionwaiver@gov.bc.ca](mailto:tuitionwaiver@gov.bc.ca)
- Current students can visit the institution's financial aid office and complete a consent form to validate your eligibility.



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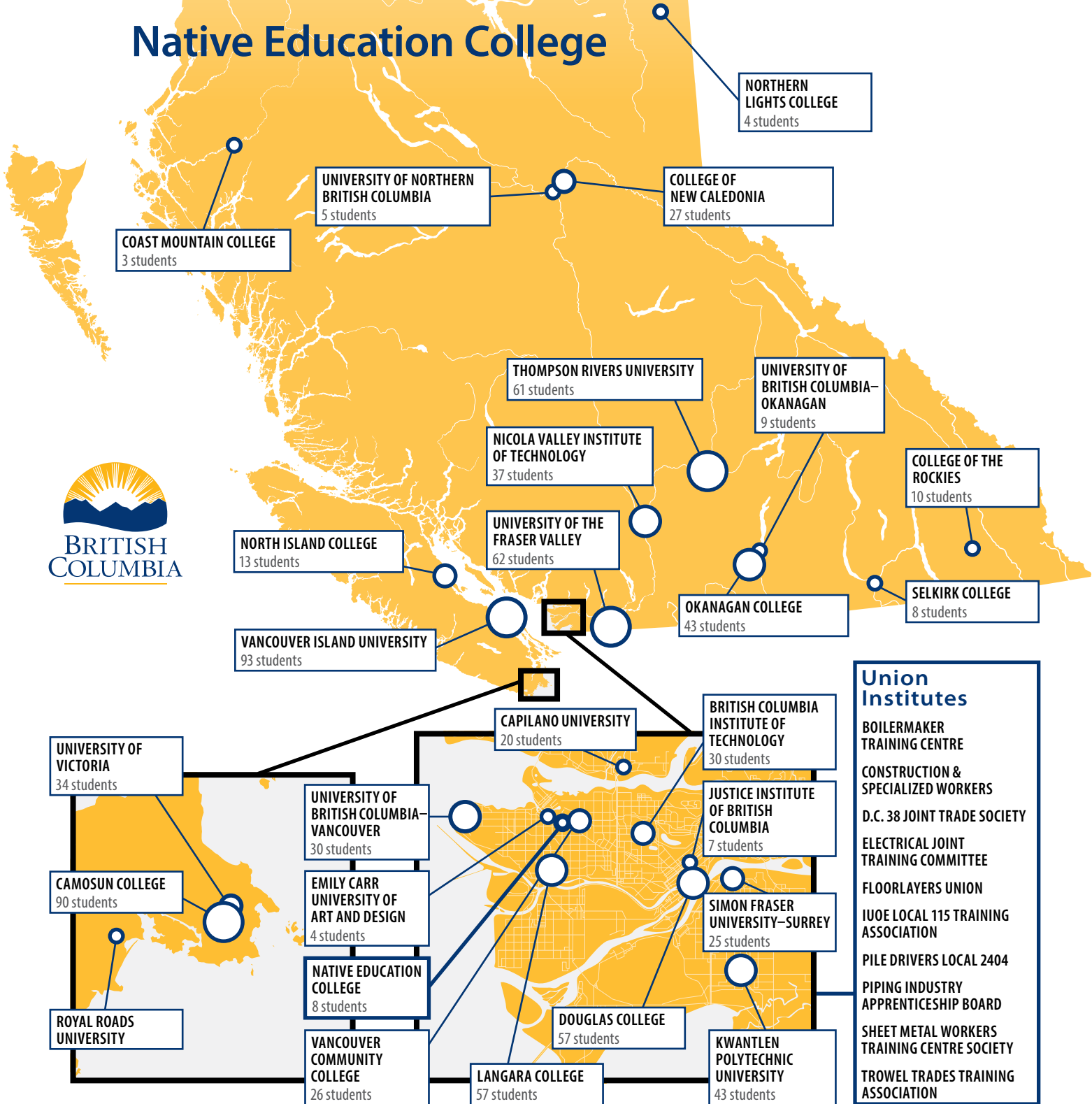
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# WHERE CAN I STUDY?

**25** post-secondary institutions

**10** union institutes (*all Lower Mainland*)

**Native Education College**



- ### Union Institutes
- Boilermaker Training Centre
  - Construction & Specialized Workers
  - D.C. 38 Joint Trade Society
  - Electrical Joint Training Committee
  - Floorlayers Union
  - IUOE Local 115 Training Association
  - Pile Drivers Local 2404
  - Piping Industry Apprenticeship Board
  - Sheet Metal Workers Training Centre Society
  - Trowel Trades Training Association