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the limit!

Up to \$20,000 rebate on your tuition costs

NEW BRUNSWICK TUITION REBATE



Be sure to benefit from the enhanced New Brunswick Tuition Rebate! The maximum lifetime rebate is \$20,000 with a maximum annual rebate of \$4,000!

What is the New Brunswick Tuition Rebate?

It is a rebate of Provincial income taxes paid, equal to 50% of the tuition costs you paid since January 1, 2005 to an *eligible post-secondary institution*, with a maximum lifetime rebate of \$20,000.

Am I eligible for this rebate?

You are eligible for the New Brunswick Tuition Rebate if you:

- ✓ graduated from an eligible post-secondary institution from anywhere in the world;
- ✓ paid tuition on, or after, January 1, 2005;
- ✓ are a resident of New Brunswick;
- ✓ file a New Brunswick personal income tax return; and
- ✓ have **New Brunswick income tax payable**.

What is an eligible post-secondary institution?

Eligible post-secondary institutions are those institutions recognized by the federal government for purposes of federal / provincial tuition income tax credits. These include universities, colleges and other post-secondary institutions from anywhere in the world. A list of these institutions can be found on the Human Resources and Skills Development Canada website.

[www.hrsdc.gc.ca] In the event the name of the post-secondary institution you attended is not included on this list, please contact the Department of Finance for further information.

Do I have to be in school full time to qualify?

Tuition costs incurred for part-time studies undertaken at eligible post-secondary institutions qualify as long as you graduate and meet all other eligibility requirements.

What is New Brunswick Income tax payable?

New Brunswick income tax payable is the actual amount of income tax you have paid to the Government of New Brunswick in any given year. This amount is indicated on **line 428** of the Notice of Assessment issued by the Canada Revenue Agency following the processing of your yearly income tax return.

What is the amount of rebate I can expect to receive?

The total rebate for any given year will be equal to your New Brunswick income tax payable to a maximum of \$4,000. The total lifetime rebate that you are eligible to receive is 50% of your tuition costs to a maximum of \$20,000.

For example: Christine's taxable income, as per line 260 of her 2009 Notice of Assessment, was \$30,304. New Brunswick income tax payable, as per line 428, was \$2,034.30. She graduated from NBCC-Moncton in June 2009 and incurred eligible tuition costs between January 1, 2005 and June 2009 in the amount of \$12,000. Christine's eligible credits are \$6,000 (50% of \$12,000). Her maximum rebate for 2009 is \$2,034.30. Christine would have remaining credits in the amount of \$3,965.70 (\$6,000 less \$2,034.30) that she can carry forward and claim if she has New Brunswick income tax payable in subsequent years.

What if I don't have any New Brunswick Income Tax Payable?

It is important to remember that you have 20 years from the first year you paid tuition to apply for your rebate. Following your initial approval to the program, if your New Brunswick income tax payable in any given year is nil, it does not mean that you do not qualify for the rebate— it simply means that you do not qualify for a rebate in that particular year. All you have to do is re-apply in subsequent years in which your Notice of Assessment indicates that you have New Brunswick income tax payable.

For example: Jacob first incurred tuition costs in 2005 and graduated in 2009. Jacob submitted his initial application for the New Brunswick Tuition Rebate in March 2010. Once approved under the program, Jacob will have until 2025 to claim his rebate. This 20-year eligibility period was designed to provide flexibility for those years where no New Brunswick income tax is payable.

When and how do I apply for the rebate?

Application for the rebate is easy, just follow these steps:

1. Graduate from an eligible post-secondary institution.
2. File a personal income tax return with the Canada Revenue Agency and receive your Notice of Assessment, which confirms you have New Brunswick income tax payable on line 428.
3. Submit your initial application to the Department of Finance and attach:
 - a copy of your Notice of Assessment,
 - copies of all tuition certificates issued by your post-secondary institution,
 - a proof of graduation from the post-secondary program, and
 - proof of name change, if applicable.

Once your eligibility for the rebate is determined, you will receive your rebate directly from the Province of New Brunswick. You may choose to receive your rebate by mail or through direct deposit.

The deadline for applications is December 31 of the year following the applicable taxation year. For example, for rebates related to taxation year 2010, the application deadline date is December 31, 2011. The application form, the request for direct deposit and further information on this program can be found on our website. **Check it out!**

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