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Post-Secondary Education Funding Changes-KFN Post-Secondary Funding Policy Review

Indigenous and Northern Development Canada (INAC-formerly AANDC) implemented changes to the National Guidelines for the Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) over the last 3-4 years which are in conflict with the current KFN Post-Secondary Funding Policy. KFN will be amending our Post-Secondary Policy to reflect these changes by the new 2017/18 fiscal year. The INAC guidelines are to be deferred to in the following areas:

Limits of Assistance

- *Students can only be assisted for one program per funding level (There are 5 levels the KFN Policy only lists 4)*
- *Funding is limited to the length of a program as defined by the institution. If a program is 4 years in length only 4 years of tuition, books and living allowance can be provided. Students who need to take less classes and attend longer will be required to pay their own costs for the additional years unless approved for a maximum of one year with written permission from the school.*
- *In the event that a student changes programs within the same level, years used in the former program will be used in the latter. If a person has already used 2 years of funding for a Bachelor's degree, for example, and then decides on a different program only 2 more years will be provided in the new program if the length is 4 years.*
- *If a student has completed a program at any level, they are ineligible for funding in levels below. For example, if you have been funded for a level 2 diploma or degree program, you are ineligible for a Level 1 certificate program or UCEPP.*

Books and Supplies

- *INAC no longer has limits to amounts paid for books and supplies, however according to the KFN Policy there is a limit of \$1000 per fiscal. An amount in excess \$1,000.00 may be approved if a student demonstrates need by submitting copies of the course outlines and the prices charged by the institution's bookstore or supplier. If a student does not provide the documentation KFN will not be able to provide the additional funding.*

