

STUDENT ALLOWANCE / STUDENT LOAN MASTERS / DOCTORATE EXTENSION APPLICATION FORM

COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOU ARE DOING FULL-TIME RESEARCH, FIELDWORK OR UNPAID WORK THAT IS NEEDED FOR YOUR MASTERS OR DOCTORATE, AND WOULD LIKE AN EXTENSION OF YOUR STUDENT ALLOWANCE OR STUDENT LOAN OUTSIDE THE OFFICIAL ENROLMENT PERIOD.

THE OFFICIAL ENROLMENT PERIOD MAY BE EXTENDED TO A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF UP TO 52 WEEKS FROM THE BEGINNING OF YOUR OFFICIAL ENROLMENT.

To qualify for an extension of your Student Allowance or Student Loan you must be:

- studying towards a Masters or Doctorate, *and*
- doing full-time research, fieldwork or unpaid work for your course, *and*
- have enough EFTS¹ to be considered to be studying full-time throughout your enrolment and your extension.

The Head of Department at your education provider will need to confirm that you are continuing to study full-time.

IMPORTANT!

If your extension is approved your Student Allowance or Student Loan will stop after 52 weeks. So if you're still studying full-time after this 52-week period and want your Student Allowance or Student Loan to continue, you need to reapply.

¹ The Tertiary Education Commission decides if a course is either full-time or part-time by applying what's called an EFTS (equivalent full-time student) value to each course. The EFTS value is determined by the content of your course. If you're unsure whether your EFTS value will cover your extended study period, ask your education provider.



BEFORE YOU START – READ THIS PAGE

HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU COMPLETE THIS FORM.

USE BLUE OR BLACK INK ONLY

When completing your application you must only use blue or black ink. If your application has been completed in any other colour we might get you to complete another one.

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

You need to answer every question in this application. If a question doesn't apply to you, use 'N/A' or 'nil'. Don't leave the space blank as this could delay the process and you may not get paid on time.



SIGN AND DATE THE FORM

Remember to sign and date this application. The Head of Department at your education provider must also complete part of this form and sign it.

WHERE TO SEND THIS FORM

Send your completed form to:

StudyLink
FreePost 207116
PO Box 30300
Lower Hutt 5040

If you need more information, visit our website www.studylink.govt.nz.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Processed by	Authenticated by	Checked by
Signature	Signature	Signature
Date	Date	Date

Comments	Certified by
	Signature
	Date

1. What do you want an extension for?

Student Allowance Student Loan Both

2. What is your legal name?

This is your legal name as appears on your Passport or Birth Certificate.

First name	Middle name(s)	Surname or family name

3. What is your date of birth?

Day Month Year

4. What is your client number?

This is a number issued to you by StudyLink or Work and Income. This is on your Community Services Card if you have one. If you don't have a client number or don't know it, leave this question blank.

5. Where are you living while studying?

Flat/House no.	Street address

Suburb	City	Country
		NEW ZEALAND

6. Are you living with your parents or partner while studying?

Yes No

7. How can we contact you?

Phone	Mobile ¹	Fax	Email ¹

8. Please give us full details of your course/s?

Education provider (full name)	Study programme (full name)	Start date	Student ID
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9. How long do you need the extension for?

From: Day Month Year **To:** Day Month Year

10. Are you coming to the end of your 200-week limit for the Student Allowance?

If you're unsure call us on **0800 88 99 00**.

Yes No I'm not getting a Student Allowance

If yes, you may qualify for an extension to the 200-week limit – you can download this form from our website www.studylink.govt.nz.

¹ If you give us your mobile number or email address we may use this to send you text messages or emails. These messages will not contain personal information. We may use them to let you know about important changes or that it's time to reapply if you're continuing with your studies.



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STUDENT'S DECLARATION

The information I have provided is true and I have not left anything out. I understand that if I make a false statement or don't tell StudyLink of a change in my circumstances that my Student Allowance or Student Loan payments may stop. If this happens I understand that I will have to pay back any overpayments plus collection costs, and I could be prosecuted.

Student's signature

SIGN HERE 

Day

Month

Year

PRIVACY STATEMENT

The legislation administered by the Ministry of Social Development allows us to check the information that you give us in this form. This may happen when you apply for financial assistance and at any time after that.

The Privacy Act 1993 requires us to tell you that:

- The information you give us is collected under the authority of the legislation administered by the Ministry of Social Development.
- The information will be held by the Ministry of Social Development.
- The information is collected for the purposes of the legislation administered by the Ministry of Social Development (including StudyLink, Work and Income, Child Youth and Family and other service lines of the Ministry), and in particular for:
 - granting financial assistance and other assistance under the Social Security Act 1964 and Education Act 1989 (and any Regulations under those Acts)
 - statistical and research purposes
 - providing advice to Government
 - care and protection needs of children
 - providing support and services to you and your family
 - providing education related services
 - providing employment related services.
- The information you give us may be compared with information held by Inland Revenue, the Ministry of Justice, the Department of Corrections, the New Zealand Customs Service, the Department of Internal Affairs, the Accident Compensation Corporation, Housing New Zealand, Statistics New Zealand, the Ministry of Health, Immigration New Zealand, the Ministry of Education, the New Zealand Qualifications Authority, the Tertiary Education Commission, Student Job Search and education providers. It may also be compared with social security information (for example, pension or benefit information) held by other governments (including Australia and the Netherlands).
- Under the Tax Administration Act 1994, if you have dependent children, the information you give us may be shared with Inland Revenue for the purpose of administering Working for Families Tax Credits.

Inland Revenue may also:

- use the information for the purposes of child support, Student Loans and taxation
- disclose it to the Department of Labour, Statistics New Zealand, the Ministry of Justice, the Accident Compensation Corporation, and the Ministry of Education
- disclose your personal information to your partner.
- Under the Privacy Act 1993 you have the right to ask to see all information we hold about you, and to ask us to correct that information.
- You are not required to give us information; but if you do not give us all the information we ask for, your application for financial assistance may be declined.

CONFIRMATION FROM HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT AT YOUR EDUCATION PROVIDER.

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT'S DETAILS

First name	Surname or family name		
Position	Daytime phone number	Education provider/Organisation Stamp	
Education provider/Organisation			

Extension required:

From:

Day Month Year

To:

Day Month Year

Name of the course:



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HEAD OF DEPARTMENT'S DECLARATION

I confirm that the student will need an extension of their Student Allowance or Student Loan to complete their course.
I also confirm that:

- the student will be engaged in full-time study for the period stated, *and*
- the work to be carried out is essential to the course of study, *and*
- during this time the student will have no study breaks longer than three weeks.

Head of Department's signature

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Day Month Year

MyStudyLink – get it all done online

Using your MyStudyLink account you can:

- apply for your student finances
- check your Student Allowance and Student Loan application status
- view and update your personal details
- check your Student Loan balance, change the amount of your living cost payments and apply for your course-related costs
- view details of your next payment and previous transactions.

New services coming soon:

- visit our redesigned website and use the improved online application service (from October 2009)
- check out what financial assistance you may be able to get (from October 2009)
- view your mail online (from November 2009).

HOW TO CONTACT US

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