NVIT Immediate Entry Bursary (IEB)
Student Requirements and FAQs

1. **I have already completed a trades program at NVIT as a Youth in Trades student, am I still eligible to continue my studies at NVIT under the Immediate Entry Bursary?**

   Yes.

2. **Can I use the bursary for programming at either campus?**

   Absolutely! Contact our Academic and Financial Planning department to help you decide which program and campus is the best fit for you.

3. **What happens if the program I'm interested in isn't going to be offered the year after I graduate; can I defer my bursary?**

   Unfortunately, the bursary can only be used for the academic year immediately following high school graduation. We encourage you to meet with our team to find another program that fits your career and education goals.

4. **What happens if I start classes, but decide I no longer want to attend?**

   NVIT publishes an Important Dates & Deadlines document which includes add/drop, course withdrawal and program withdrawal deadlines. You should familiarize yourself with these dates before attending. If you decide you need to reduce your courseload or do not want to continue your studies at NVIT, you should meet with an Academic and Financial Planner to discuss your options.

   A 60% course load per semester must be maintained to be eligible for the Immediate Entry Bursary (IEB). Learners who have an accommodation plan through the Success Centre may request a 40% course load. For eligibility questions, please contact the Registrar's Office prior to the deadline.

5. **If I decide to withdraw, can I use the bursary next year?**

   No. The bursary can only be used for the academic year immediately following grade 12 graduation.

6. **What other costs am I responsible to pay for after the IEB is applied to my account?**

   Fees and costs not covered by the Immediate Entry Bursary include:

   - *Tuition costs exceeding the IEB bursary amount ($3,074 for 2027-28 academic year)*
   - *Student Society Fees*
   - *Science & Computer Lab Fees*
   - *Health Lab and Shop Fees*
   - *Experiential Learning Fees*
   - *Graduation Fees*
   - *Health & Dental Fees (opt-out is available, but must be requested by the learner)*
   - *Fitness Fees*
   - *Program Textbooks and applicable supplies*
   - *Practicum Travel*
   - *UPASS Fees*

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ADMISSIONS & REGISTRATION

1. Do I have to be Indigenous to attend NVIT?

No. NVIT is a public post-secondary institution. This means anyone can attend!

2. Do I have to apply for the Immediate Entry Bursary (IEB)?

YES, you must complete the Immediate Entry Bursary Application in addition to an Application for Admission to an NVIT program.

3. When is the deadline to apply for the bursary?

The deadline to complete the application, submit admission requirements, be accepted into your program and registered in courses is June 30, 2027.

4. What steps do I need to take to maintain eligibility and meet the deadline?

To maintain eligibility for the Immediate Entry Bursary (IEB), students must:

- *apply to an NVIT program*
- *submit Official Transcripts*
- *submit other admission requirements (if applicable)*
- *complete an Immediate Entry Bursary Application*
- *schedule an Immediate Entry Bursary (IEB) Advising appointment; and*
- *register in courses (minimum 60% courseload).*

Topics discussed in the Immediate Entry Bursary (IEB) Advising appointment include:

- *Educational costs including those not covered by the IEB*
- *Course planning & registration*
- *Other sources of funding*
- *Disability/Tutoring services and supports (if applicable)*

5. I was sent a Conditional Offer of Admission. Does that mean I have been accepted to NVIT?

A Conditional Offer is acknowledgement that your program application was received. To complete your application and fully qualify, you must submit Official Transcripts and any program admission requirements. Once these are submitted, you will receive a Final Offer of Admission confirming your acceptance into the program. This letter will advise that NVIT will notify you when registration is open and you can register into your courses.

6. How do I register?

You will receive an Eligible to Register letter and your NVIT Self-Service account information once registration is available. You will be able to register yourself online using NVIT's self-service web registration. If you need assistance, our team would be happy to assist you with the registration process.

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COSTS, FINANCIAL AID, AND OTHER AWARDS

1. How do I find out if I am eligible for an Entrance Award?

NVIT offers several Entrance Awards in varying amounts and applicable depending on your program of study. Some Entrance Awards require an application. After registration, you may be notified that you qualify for and are invited to apply for an Entrance Award.

NVIT's Academic and Financial Planners can advise you of Entrance Awards you may qualify for, as well as other bursary and scholarship options that are available. They are also listed on NVIT's website.

2. When are fees due?

If you are registered in a full-time course load for a program which starts in September, your fees are due by September 30 for the fall semester and January 31 for the spring semester. If you are registered in a trades program, all fees and outstanding tuition are due by the first day of class.

3. What happens if I can't pay my fees by the deadline?

In these circumstances, you will need to submit a fee deferral request. This is essentially a contract between you and NVIT based on an agreeable payment schedule or payment deadline. Fee Deferral Requests must be in place before the fee deadline and can be arranged through an Academic and Financial Planner. Be prepared to complete a budget to support your request.

4. **I am covered under my parents' Extended Health Plan, do I still have to pay the Health & Dental Fee?**

The Health and Dental fee ($275) is billed automatically at the start of your courses. If you have existing coverage and do not need extra coverage, you have 30 days after your program start date to opt-out of the Student Benefits plan. Once 30 days have passed, you are no longer eligible to opt-out. To find out about coverage or how to opt-out, visit mystudentplan.ca. NVIT cannot opt-out of health and dental on a student's behalf.

5. Can I apply for Band funding even though my tuition is completely or partially covered?

Yes, but you will need to contact your Band to determine if you qualify and submit your application according to your Education Department's funding deadlines. Apart from additional tuition costs, fees, books and supplies, you may also qualify for living allowance funding.

6. Can I apply for a student loan even though my tuition is completely or partially covered?

Yes! StudentAidBC may assist with the costs of Post-Secondary education through loans, grants and scholarships for qualified students. New student loan applications open in June of every year and you are encouraged to apply well before your program start date as it may be a lengthy process. Please visit the Student Aid BC Website to determine your eligibility and review the important steps to register on and verify your identification. You are encouraged to discuss this process with an Academic and Financial Planner during the initial Admission and Registration stages.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES

1. Is Post-Secondary the same as high school? What should I expect when I start classes?

NVIT is a learner-centred institution that provides a wide range of student support services, but the learning environment is different than high school. In post-secondary a higher level of responsibility is placed on the student and learning is self-directed. It is a student's choice to attend Post-Secondary and it is their responsibility to be aware of important dates and deadlines find a balance between academic and personal commitments.

When you begin classes, you will be provided with a 'syllabus', essentially a guideline and contract between the student and instructor outlining all expectations and deadlines. The syllabus will also include a list of any required textbooks or supplies which must be purchased at your own cost and are available through the campus Bookstore.

2. What services are available to support my success?

NVIT offers a holistic approach to supporting learners! Below are services available to you:

- *Success Centre*
- *Elders' Council: Sweats, Smudges, Food/Clothing Bank, Personal Counselling*
- *Counselling Referrals*
- *Campus Events*
- *Access to NVIT's Fitness Facility (key fobs purchased through the Bookstore)*
- *Breakfast foods/Coffee/Tea in the Success Centre*
- *Tutoring Services*
- *Accommodation and Accessibility Services*
- *Learning Commons (Library and Success Centre) Events and Workshops*

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GRADUATION/POST-GRADUATION

1. What do I need to know about Graduation?

Convocation is held annually in June. If you are in a program scheduled to finish before August 31st, you are eligible to apply for graduation and participate in the ceremony. To attend, you must Apply for Graduation by March 31st. The cost to attend the graduation ceremony is $84.46. If you will finish your program before August 31st, but do not want to attend graduation, you must still apply to collect your credential at the end of your program. There is no fee for this.

2. **How do I return for the second year of a program?**

We recommend you meet with an Academic and Financial Planner before you complete your first year. They can help you prepare a budget for your return year and advise you on external funding options (Band funding, student loans, etc). You may also qualify for year-end Internal Awards. These are issued annually in June and are often based on your academic standing, leadership, community involvement and/or financial need. Our planning team is familiar with all awards and can help you determine which to apply for.

3. I would like to continue my studies at another post-secondary institution. Will the courses I've taken at NVIT transfer to another school?

Transfer Credit varies from institution to institution and by program to program. The BC Transfer Guide is a useful tool for determining transfer credit by course, as well as block transfer and transfer agreements between NVIT and other institutions.

During a meeting with an Academic and Financial Planner, you can review transferability of your courses and plan for your transfer to another school. There are also transfer scholarships available for which you may qualify.