

ELIGIBILITY VALIDATION PROCESS

Provincial Tuition Waiver Program

Post-secondary institutions request MCFD to validate young adults who have previously been in care.



1 Student completes consent form at the post-secondary institution



2 Institution signs the consent form to confirm young adult's identity and emails the form to MCFD:
waivervalidation@gov.bc.ca



3 MCFD reviews and validates eligibility



4 MCFD sends eligibility letter to post-secondary institution via email



Appendix #1: Tuition Waiver Program Confirmation Request Form for Public PSIs

Date: _____

Student's Name: _____
*List all known names, including full legal name. Only listed names can be searched.

Date of Birth: _____

Post-Secondary Institution Name: Nicola Valley Institute of Technology

Post-Secondary Institution Address: 4155 Belshaw St. Merritt, BC V1K 1R1

I understand the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (Institution Name) will disclose that I want to access the Provincial Tuition Waiver Program to the Ministry of Children and Family Development, in order to confirm my status as a former child/youth in care or my status in an out of care order/agreement as defined by the *Child, Family, and Community Service Act*. I understand that the Ministry of Children and Family Development will release the information as it relates to my eligibility for the Provincial Tuition Waiver Program to the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (Institution Name), which will then release this information to the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training, who provides the funding for this program. I understand that this information will be used to determine eligibility for the Provincial Tuition Waiver Program, based on the criterion below.

The Provincial Tuition Waiver Program for former youth in care will cover the tuition for BC students who are at least 19 years of age but not yet 27 years of age, attending a BC public post-secondary institution or the Native Education College, and who meet the following criterion:

- Have received care from the Ministry of Children and Family Development or a Delegated Aboriginal Agency (DAA) through the *Child, Family and Community Service Act* for a minimum of twenty-four months (consecutive or accumulated) in any, or a combination, of the following categories:
 - **Continuing Custody Order** pursuant to sections 41(1)(d), 42.2(4)(d) or (7) or 49(4), (5) or 10(a) of the Act
 - *A protection order in which the court has assigned permanent custody of the child to the Director of Child Welfare (the Director).*

