

- **Residency / Citizenship**

The student must be a resident of Alberta.

Immigration status:

- Permanent resident or
- Canadian citizen or
- Refugee - If S.I.N. starts with a "9", a student requires a notice of decision, and a study permit and work permit that is valid beyond the study period

- **Employment Status**

The student must be unemployed, working part-time or receiving Employment Insurance. If a student is employed full-time, he/she must get permission from the government to quit his/her job (Counsel to Leave). If a student quits his/her job without permission, he/she is not eligible for financial assistance. Once the student is approved for funding, there is no limit on how much a student can earn or how many hours he/she can work. However, this applies only to the student; changes in spousal income must be reported and may affect the student's eligibility for a living allowance.

- **Career Goal**

Each student must have a clear and realistic employment goal. Students may choose a goal related to the field in which they had training / experience in their native country or choose to change their profession in Canada. All students must do research on the steps needed to reach their employment goals. The Alberta Government website, www.alis.gov.ab.ca, provides information about which jobs are in demand and about training programs.

- **Ready, Willing and Able**

Students must be ready, willing and able to come to school everyday, similar to going to work. Their personal lives must be in order so that they can study (e.g., good health, stable household, and support from spouse and family, childcare arranged, etc.).

Note: A **daycare subsidy** is provided only if both spouses are in school or if one spouse is working full time. Subsidies are based on income. Students do not qualify for a subsidy if one spouse stays at home. Exception: If one spouse is looking for work, the other spouse may qualify for a subsidy. A documented job search is required in this case.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PART-TIME STUDY

Students can apply for a part-time bursary (grant funding) for ESL study if their income in the past year (2008 Income Tax return – line 236) is below the limit set by the government (e.g., single \$35,000; couple \$40,000; couple & 1 child \$45,000). Part-time funding provides money for tuition and books for part-time classes. No money is given for living expenses. Students are expected to work while they study part-time. Students may be eligible for a daycare subsidy. Part-time grant funding is available for a maximum of 12 months of training.