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REVISED REGULATIONS OF SASKATCHEWAN

SASKATCHEWAN REGULATIONS 72/2012

The Graduate Retention Program Act

Section 7

Order in Council 526/2012, dated September 26, 2012

(Filed September 28, 2012)

Title

1 These regulations may be cited as *The Graduate Retention Program Amendment Regulations, 2012*.

R.R.S. c.G-5.11 Reg 1 amended

2 *The Graduate Retention Program Regulations* are amended in the manner set forth in these regulations.

Section 2 amended

3 **Clause 2(b) is amended by striking out “tuition rebate eligibility certificate” and substituting “graduate retention program eligibility certificate”.**

New sections 4 to 5.1

4 **Sections 4 to 5.1 are repealed and the following substituted:**

“Application for graduate retention program eligibility certificate

4(1) An application may be made:

- (a) by a qualified individual; or
- (b) with the consent of the qualified individual:
 - (i) by the educational institution from which the qualified individual graduated, in the case of a program described in clause 3(1)(a); or
 - (ii) by the trade certification authority that issued the certificate to the qualified individual, in the case of a program described in clause 3(1)(b) or (c).

(2) An application must be made not later than April 30 of the seventh taxation year following the taxation year in which the qualified individual graduated from the eligible program.

(3) In addition to the information required pursuant to section 3 of the Act, an application must include the following information:

- (a) the name, gender and date of birth of the qualified individual;
- (b) the address of the qualified individual and other information needed for the purpose of communicating with the qualified individual;
- (c) the address of the educational institution or trade certification authority that administered the eligible program from which the qualified individual has graduated and other information needed for the purpose of communicating with the educational institution or trade certification authority;

- (d) for an eligible program described in clause 3(1)(a), the number of months or academic years of full-time study required to complete the eligible program;
- (e) the qualification awarded by the educational institution or trade certification authority to the qualified individual on graduation from the eligible program.

“Graduate retention program maximum

5(1) For the purposes of these regulations, the number of months or academic years of full-time study required to complete an eligible program means the number of months or academic years of full-time study as required by the educational institution that administered the eligible program.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the graduate retention program maximum applicable to an eligible program is:

- (a) \$3,000:
 - (i) for an eligible program described in clause 3(1)(b) or (c); or
 - (ii) for an eligible program described in clause 3(1)(a) that requires at least six months but less than two academic years of full-time study to complete;
- (b) \$6,400 for an eligible program described in clause 3(1)(a) that leads to a certificate or diploma and that requires at least two academic years of full-time study to complete;
- (c) \$15,000 for an eligible program described in clause 3(1)(a) that leads to a university degree other than a master's degree or doctorate and that requires at least three academic years but less than four academic years of full-time study to complete; and
- (d) \$20,000 for an eligible program described in clause 3(1)(a) that leads to a university degree other than a master's degree or doctorate and that requires at least four academic years of full-time study to complete.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), the graduate retention program maximum applicable to an eligible program for the following years of graduation from the eligible program is:

- (a) \$3,200 for graduation in 2006 or 2007 from an eligible program mentioned in clause (2)(b);
- (b) \$5,000 for graduation in 2006 or 2007 from an eligible program mentioned in clause (2)(c) or (d);
- (c) \$10,000 for graduation in 2008 from an eligible program mentioned in clause (2)(c) or (d); and
- (d) \$15,000 for graduation in 2009 from an eligible program mentioned in clause (2)(d).

(4) If the minister recognizes a program as an eligible program pursuant to subsection 3(2), for the purposes of this section the program shall be deemed to be an eligible program described in clause 3(1)(a) or (b), depending on the eligible program to which the minister determines the program to be similar.

“Graduate retention program maximum - NEPS

5.1(1) In this section, ‘**NEPS**’ means the eligible program known as the Nursing Education Program of Saskatchewan-Early Completion Options that is offered by the University of Saskatchewan.

(2) Notwithstanding subsections 5(2) and (3), a qualified individual who graduated from NEPS in 2008 may elect:

(a) the \$10,000 graduate retention program maximum mentioned in clause 5(3)(c); or

(b) the \$15,000 graduate retention program maximum mentioned in clause 5(3)(d).

(3) Notwithstanding subsections 5(2) and (3), a qualified individual who graduated from NEPS in 2009 may elect:

(a) the \$15,000 graduate retention program maximum mentioned in clause 5(3)(d); or

(b) the \$20,000 graduate retention program maximum mentioned in clause 5(2)(d)”.

Section 6 amended

5 Subsection 6(2) is amended by striking out “rebate” and substituting “tax credit”.

Coming into force

6 These regulations come into force on the day on which they are filed with the Registrar of Regulations but are retroactive and are deemed to have been in force on and from January 1, 2012.

