

CSLP NOVEMBER 2019 RELEASE FEATURES AND FUNCTIONALITY

An Information Guide for CSLP Staff and Stakeholders

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- ✓ One-time payments
- ✓ Communicating missing financial institution (banking) information

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CSLP clients that are entering repayment will be presented with the virtual repayment counsellor on the NSLSC website. The virtual repayment counsellor will use the business rules engine to determine the best repayment options for the client.

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CSLP clients that do not have financial institution information on file with the NSLSC at the time of disbursement will be notified via email and their secure inbox. The client will be directed to update the information in order to receive the disbursement via electronic funds transfer.

The implementation date of these features is planned for November 18, 2019.





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VIRTUAL REPAYMENT COUNSELLOR

Clients that are about to go into repayment will be presented with the virtual repayment counsellor upon logging in to the NSLSC website.

The purpose of the virtual repayment counsellor is to guide the client toward the best repayment path and prevent the client from missing payments on their loan.

The client will be presented with the virtual repayment counsellor based on the following conditions:

- The client has an active, full-time loan. This feature is not currently available for clients with parttime loans.
- There is a Repayment Notice with a date less than two months from the current date on the client's file.
- The client's period of study end date (PSED) is less than the current date.
- The client has not completed the virtual repayment counsellor before.
- There is no Repayment Assistance Plan (RAP) status on the client's file.

The virtual repayment counsellor is presented as a series of pop-ups on the NSLSC website. The content of the pop-up changes based on the client's selections or answers.

Depending on the client's selections or answers, the client may be taken to several different areas of the NSLSC website.

There are four common scenarios that the client may experience:

Scenario #1: Client is returning to school.

Scenario #2: Client is entering repayment and is okay with their payment schedule.

Scenario #3: Client is entering repayment and is okay with their payment schedule but does not have financial institution (banking) information on file with the NSLSC.

Scenario #4: Client is entering repayment and would like to explore repayment options that may be available.

In this scenario, the client is going back to school. In order to keep the loan in interest free status and not enter repayment, the educational institution and client must confirm enrolment.

The client clicks on the "I'm going back to school" button.



The virtual repayment counsellor advises the client of the specific time-frame that a confirmation of enrolment must be submitted in order to avoid entering repayment.

The confirmation of enrolment process does not change as a result of implementing the virtual repayment counsellor.

The client clicks on the "Update my school start date" button and is taken to the existing Confirmation of Enrolment page on the NSLSC website.



In this scenario, the client has finished school and is entering repayment. The client is aware of the repayment schedule and amount.

The client is presented with the virtual repayment counsellor upon logging in to the NSLSC website. Since the client is not going back to school, the client clicks on the "Repayment Options" button.



The client is presented with the Loan(s) Summary screen that displays the client's loan balance, repayment start date, first payment due date and the payment amount.

In this scenario, the client is okay with the schedule and payment amount and is not interested in reviewing repayment options. The client clicks on the "Keep this Payment Plan" button.



Loan(s) Summary

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Loan Type	Balance	Repayment Start Date	First Payment Due Date	Payment Amount
Canada-Ontario Integrated Student Loan	\$19,576.91	November 1, 2019	November 30, 2019	\$230.13

It is important to understand your loan so that you can find out the best repayment plan that fits you.

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If you are ok with the payment plan set up, select the 'Keep this Payment Plan' button. If you would like to see what other repayment options may be available to you, select the 'Repayment Options' button



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The client has the opportunity to review the financial institution (banking) information that the NSLSC has on file. The client can also update this information if it is not correct or up-to-date. If the client wishes to update the financial institution information, they will be taken to an existing NSLSC page and follow the existing update process.

In this scenario, the client's financial institution information is correct. The client clicks on the "Go to My Dashboard" button.

At this point the client is taken back to the Dashboard and the schedule and payments are set.



In scenario #3, the client is okay with the schedule and payment amount but discovers that the NSLSC does not have the financial institution (banking) information on file.

It is very important for the NSLSC to have the client's financial institution information on file as it speeds up transaction times, reduces processing errors and reduces payment delinquency rates.

As seen in the other scenarios, the client is presented with the virtual repayment counsellor upon logging in to the NSLSC website.

The client is not going back to school, so they click on the "Repayment Options" button.



The client reviews the Loan(s) Summary screen which displays the client's basic loan information.

The client decides that they are okay with the schedule and the payment amount and clicks on the "Keep this Payment Plan" button.



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Since the client does not have any financial institution information on file with the NSLSC, the system recognizes this and presents the client with options:

-The client can click the "Update my Banking Information/PAD (Pre-Authorized Debit)" button to add their information to the NSLSC file. This action follows the existing process of updating information on the NSLSC website.

-The client can choose not to provide the financial institution information at this time by clicking the "No thanks" button. At that point the client is taken back to their Dashboard and may have to make payments manually or via cheque.

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In the last scenario, the client has finished school and is entering repayment. The client cannot afford to set a repayment amount yet and wants to explore what repayment options may be available to them.

Upon logging in, the client is presented with the virtual repayment counsellor. The client clicks on the "Repayment Options" button.



The next screen summarizes the loan information for the client and presents the client with the option to keep the payment plan (as shown) or to explore repayment options that may be available.

The client clicks on the "Repayment Options" button.



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It is important to understand your loan so that you can find out the best repayment plan that fits you.

If you are ok with the payment plan set up, select the 'Keep this Payment Plan' button. If you would like to see what other repayment options may be available to you, select the 'Repayment Options' button



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The client has the opportunity to review the financial institution (banking) information that the NSLSC has on file.

In this scenario, the client's financial institution information is correct. The client clicks on the "Continue" button.

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The virtual repayment counsellor presents the client with four questions to which the answers will determine available repayment options.

Question 1 asks if the client currently resides in Canada.

The client can select "Yes" or "No". In this scenario the client selects "Yes" and clicks the "Continue" button.

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Please be advised that the assessment done by this tool based on the information you provide is intended to assist you in determining whether you may qualify for repayment assistance should you choose to apply. Completion is voluntary. The Department will not be collecting the personal information that you fill-in the tool, but will be collecting the result of the assessment and keeping a note of it in your file. Saving your results will allow you and/or the National Student Loans Service Centre (NSLSC) to reference this result if needed in the future interactions you may have with the NSLSC. This will help Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) improve the services offered to clients. The results you obtain will not affect your eligibility to apply for repayment assistance.

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Question 2 asks for the client's family size. The client has to select at least "1" as the family size.

In this scenario the client selects "1" and clicks on the "Continue" button.

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A question about the family monthly gross income is presented. The gross income includes the total pre-tax income that the client and/or live-in family generate (for example spouse).

In this scenario, the client has specified that the family size is "1". We also know that the client is currently looking for employment.

The client specifies that the family monthly gross income is "\$0" and clicks on the "Continue" button.

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The last question asks if the client or spouse (if applicable) have any other government student loans currently in repayment.

The client selects "No" and clicks on the "Continue" button.

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The virtual repayment counsellor presents the repayment options results based on the answers that the client provided.

In this scenario, the client may be eligible for the Repayment Assistance Plan (RAP). This outcome is based on the answers provided by the client during the questionnaire. The virtual repayment counsellor recommends that the client apply for RAP by clicking the appropriate button. This takes the client to an existing electronic RAP (eRAP) application page if the client is less than 30 days from the repayment start date. If the client is more than 30 days from the Repayment start date, the wording encourages the client to come back and apply within 30 days from their repayment start date.

The client also has the option to use the Loan Repayment Estimator to modify the terms of their loan. This process is an existing process that is available on the NSLSC website and it is currently paper/manual based.

The client can take no action and go back to the Dashboard by clicking the "Go to My Dashboard" link. If the client chooses to take no action, the loan will move to regular repayment status as indicated on the client's file on the Loan Summary page.





The virtual repayment counsellor uses existing business rules and logic to determine whether a client may qualify for the Repayment Assistance Plan (RAP).

If the client answers the questionnaire with answers outside of the RAP qualification range, the virtual repayment counsellor advises the client of other repayment options and encourages the client to use the Repayment Assistance Estimator which has more specific variables such as exceptional expenses for clients with a permanent disability.

The client can choose to revise the terms of their loan such as extending the term to reduce monthly payments. This is an existing manual process. The client can also choose to take no action and return to the Dashboard.





ONE-TIME PAYMENT VIA THE NSLSC WEBSITE



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ONE-TIME PAYMENT

The one-time payment functionality provides the client with the option to make payments directly from the NSLSC website. This functionality uses the financial institution (banking) information that is currently on file with the NSLSC.

This feature allows for making lump-sum payments to accelerate student loan repayment. This feature is available for both full-time and part-time loans.

For now, this feature only permits making payments on the requested date; for example today's date. Future development will enable clients to schedule payments up-to 30 days in the future.

The client will be able to navigate to the "Make A Payment" section of the NSLSC website and make payments on their own. The client must have Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) active on their account in order to make one-time payments via the NSLSC website.



Make a Payment

You can make a payment on your student loan(s) any time, even in between regularly scheduled payments.

The payment takes a few days to process and will not appear on your transaction history until the amount is withdrawn. You have two options:

One-Time Payment

Select this option to make a one-time payment.

Make a One-Time Payment

Online Banking

Select this option to use your financial institution's online bill payment service.

Pay with Online Banking





When the client navigates to the Make A Payment page, the system checks to ensure the client's loan(s) are eligible for making a one-time payment via the NSLSC website.

There are certain scenarios and reasons where the loan(s) may not be eligible for one-time payment processing:

- Client is in bankruptcy; Trustee is not discharged and no Trustee authorization on file.
- Loan is either flagged, sent or returned to Government (RTG loan).
- Loan is cancelled or closed for any reason.
- Loan does not have an outstanding balance.
- Loan has a one-time payment already scheduled for the same date which is pending processing.

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Once logged in, if the client wishes to make a one-time payment via the NSLSC website, the client can navigate to the appropriate page by clicking the "My Account" button and selecting the "Make a Payment" option.

Once the option is clicked, the eligibility rules run automatically, and the appropriate page (or message if not eligible) is displayed. In this scenario the client is eligible to make one-time payments.

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The eligible client is presented with two options:

- "Make a One-Time Payment" is the new feature that allows the client to make payments directly via the NSLSC website.
- "Pay with Online Banking" is an existing feature that directs the client to their financial institution's website with directions on how to set up the NSLSC as a payee.

In this scenario, the client wants to make a one-time payment directly from the NSLSC website.

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The "Make a One-Time Payment" page displays the following components:

- Financial Institution Information (on file with the NSLSC)
- Details of loan(s) having unprocessed (i.e. pending) payments Information displayed is read only:
 - Loan Number & Type / Amount Owing / Monthly Payment Amount / Arrears Amount / Payment Amount
- Details of loan(s) eligible for making one-time payments:
 - Loan Number & Type / Amount Owing / Monthly Payment Amount / Arrears Amount / Payment Amount – editable field / Total Payment Amount

The client enters the desired payment amount for any eligible loan(s) and clicks the "Continue" button.

If the client clicks the "Cancel" button at this point, they will be navigated back to the Make A Payment page.



Make a One-Time Payment

Make a One-Time Payment using your financial institution account.

Financial Institution Information

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Please enter the amount you want to pay toward your student loan(s)

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The client has the opportunity to review chosen payment information before submitting.

This page displays the following:

- Explanatory text, requesting the client to review before confirmation.
- Payment Information: (all elements read only)
 - Loan Number & Type
 - Payment Amount
 - Financial Institution (Bank) Name
 - Transit Number
 - Account Number
 - Total Payment Amount
- Buttons: Back / Submit

Once the client clicks on the Submit button, the payment is processed automatically and is withdrawn from the financial institution that is on file with the NSLSC.



Review Your One-Time Payment

Please review the information. If it's correct, select the Submit button. If you need to make any changes, select Back.

Payment Information

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Total Payment Amount: \$307.43

Once this payment is submitted, it will take approximately three to five business days to be debited from your account.



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ONE-TIME PAYMENT

Once the client submits the payment, the client is presented with a one-time payment confirmation page.

This page displays the one-time payment amount and date that has been sent for processing as well as a payment reference number for the client's records.

All one-time payments are captured by the NSLSC systems for employees to review and report on.



One-Time Payment Confirmed

You have successfully made a one-time payment to your student loan.

It will take a few days to process and will not appear on your transaction history until the amount is withdrawn.

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COMMUNICATING MISSING FINANCIAL (BANKING) INSTITUTION INFORMATION

Missing Financial Institution Information is currently one of the most common reasons why the NSLSC disburses funds via cheque or other non-electronic funds transfer (ETF) means.

When the NSLSC receives an electronic certificate from the province or territory (eCert) and there is no financial institution information listed, the client's account is flagged with what the NSLSC refers to as an "exception".

The NSLSC then follows up with the client via mail or phone to resolve this exception and add the client's financial institution information to their file.

This feature aims to digitize this process and direct the client to add the financial institution information to their file themselves. This enables the client to resolve the missing financial institution information exception on their own.

When the client's account is flagged with the missing financial institution information exception, the account is placed in a queue for client notification.

An email is generated and sent to the client within 48 hours of exception identification. The message advises the client that there is an unresolved issue on their account that requires the client to log into the NSLSC website. National Student Loans Service Centre

Important information about your current funding status.

Hi FirstName1,

Almost there! There is one more thing you need to complete to receive your student funding. Please log in to your secure inbox on the National Student Loans Service Centre (NSLSC) website for details about your current funding status.

Reminder: Keep your contact info up to date so we can stay in touch.



We made changes to the registration process

We care about protecting your personal information, so we have introduced a new, more secure registration process!

If you have an existing online account and have NOT registered using the new GCKey or SecureKey authentication process, you will need to re-register <u>here</u>. This will enable additional security and safety measures for accessing your NSLSC online account.

Thanks,

The National Student Loans Service Centre

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Upon a successful login, the client will be presented with an action required modal as well as a Notification on their Dashboard.

The action required message explains the issue and directs the client to take appropriate action.

In the case of missing financial institution (banking) information, the client is directed to go to the financial institution information page and add the details of the financial institution account.

Once the financial institution information and details have been added, the exception is resolved and the client will receive their disbursement via electronic funds transfer (EFT).



The client will also receive a message in their secure inbox explaining the issue and any required actions.

When the client clicks on the green button "Update My Banking Information" they are redirected to the Financial Institution (Banking) Information page where they can make the appropriate updates.

Once updated, the actions required message will no longer appear and they will obtain a confirmation in their secure inbox of the update made to their account.

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If the exception is not resolved by the client, the disbursement will be made via cheque.

8th Business Day Exception Not Resolved No contact made by client

NSLSC action:

eCert is processed by cheque – existing process.

Outcome:

- 1. Funds are disbursed by cheque existing process.
- 2. Exception status is updated to Resolved.
- Action Required alert message on NSLSC website Dashboard is deleted.

Within 8th Business Day Exception Not Resolved Client made contact with promise to resolve

NSLSC action: Exception is diarized to 18th Business Day.

Outcome:

 Action Required alert message on the NSLSC website Dashboard stays. 18th Business Day Exception Not Resolved

NSLSC action: eCert is processed by cheque – existing process.

Outcome:

- 1. Funds are disbursed by cheque existing process.
- 2. Exception status is updated to Resolved.
- 3. Action Required alert on the NSLSC website is deleted.