

# THE CANADA LEARNING BOND



## *What you need to know to make your child's future possibilities GROW*

### WHAT IS IT?

The Canada Learning Bond (CLB) is a grant of **\$500 up to \$2000** from the Government of Canada to eligible families to help with the cost of a child's education after high school. It is deposited directly into a child's **Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP)**.

Think of an **RESP** as a 'special bank account' where money can grow until a child is ready to attend college, university, apprenticeship program or trade school (full time or part time).

### WHO IS THE CLB FOR?

Children **born January 1, 2004 or later** (so any child that is turning 17 in 2021 or is younger than 17) whose family's net annual income is **less than \$49,020** can receive the CLB.

(The family net income cutoff is higher for families with more than three children.)



### HOW DOES IT WORK?

The CLB is deposited directly into a child's Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP). This money grows and can be withdrawn to help cover any education-related costs when your child is enrolled in a post-secondary program.

Every eligible child receives at least **\$500** in their RESP to start. They also receive an additional **\$100** for every year that they are eligible, based on their family's income, until the age of 15. This means the CLB amount a child receives could be as much as **\$2,000**.

Even if you apply several years after your child was born (as long as the child was born after January 1, 2004, and are income eligible) you will still receive all payments owed to your child from past years.

### WILL IT COST ME?

It doesn't cost money to get the Canada Learning Bond, not even one penny! You will need to open an RESP to get the CLB. There are no-cost RESPs that have no fees and don't require you to contribute any of your own money.

The CLB will not impact any other government assistance you receive. This is your child's money for after high school. The RESP account can stay open for 36 years.

### APPLYING IS EASY!

Contact your bank and make an appointment to open a no fee, no contribution RESP. They will open an RESP and apply for the CLB and also the Canada Education Savings Grant (CESG).

The CLB is free, no contribution needed.

The CESG is a matching program, where if you deposit funds, you will be eligible for a match between 20% and 40% (depending on income and if RESP was opened before age 16 and prior contributions were made).

**Ask your bank what you'll need to open an RESP and claim your child's Canada Learning Bond.**

**It could include:**

- Your Social Insurance Number
- Your child's Social Insurance Number
- Your child's Birth Certificate
- 2 pieces of your ID (1 government-issued photo ID)
- If you don't have a SIN# for your child you can apply online at [www.canada.ca](http://www.canada.ca) or visit a Service Canada office



### THERE IS MORE!

Once you open up the RESP, SSVP will be pleased to write a cheque for \$100 per child which you can deposit into the RESP to help the savings grow. And the government will then match the \$100 per child by up to 40%! (if RESP was opened before age 16 and prior contributions were made)

***Go Get Your Money!***