

as necessary for students experiencing difficulties in adjusting to university and an urban setting. It also allowed students a grace period in the event they changed their program or major.

COMPARISON OF TIME RESTRICTIONS FOR PROGRAM ASSISTANCE

	E-12 -applying to all categories of assistance	March '89* -applying to travel and living expenses only
a) community college, CEGEP, etc.	40 student months (5 academic years)	2 or more academic years
b) Bachelor's degree or equivalent	40 student months (5 academic years)	3 academic years
c) Honors Bachelor degree	48 student months (6 academic years)	4 academic years
d) Masters degree or equivalent	24 student months (3 academic years)	2 academic years
e) Doctorate (Ph.D.)	24 student months (3 academic years)	

* Not counting possible extension for circumstances provided in new policy at different levels.

Travel and living allowances available for one graduate degree only, i.e., one only of Masters or Doctorate but not both.

In the proposal circulated to Indian bands in late 1988, the concept of student months was retained but the total was reduced from 96 to 48. The term "student month" is not used in the new policy.

8. PROGRAM LIMITATIONS

While aboriginal students have been and still are free to enter any program of study on the same basis as other students, the old and new forms of the program have placed restrictions on the types of programs for which funding assistance will be provided. The previous policy extended funding assistance to a broader range of programs.