10.2 CSG-PDSE: Standard Costs and Frequency of Entitlement for Approved Equipment

Finalized; Equipment Funding from February 2012 Meeting and April PDWG Call

Provincial assessment officers have discretion, on a case-by-case basis, to establish applicable costs for education-related services and equipment related to the student applicant's disability and circumstances. The equipment costs indicated in the list below are to be used as guidelines only. *(Prices estimates are before taxes except for computer systems.)*

EQUIPMENT: ITEM /CATEGORY & USAGE	COST	FREQUENCY OF ENTITLEMENT	NOTES
COMPUTERS, PRINTERS, ASSESSORIES & ASSOCIATED SOFTWARE			
All Computers Systems (including warranty, printer, operating and MS office software such as Word Excel and PowerPoint printer, & taxes)	Max $2000	Once every 5 loan years (upgrade or new system – whichever is less)	Exceptional circumstances may be reviewed on an individual basis. Includes Laptops and Tablets Funding for one time purchase of computer package of latptop,tablet, desktop See Personal Computer Devices for additional guidance
Note book carry case	$70	Once every 2 loan years	If not part of initial laptop package
Printer	$200	One time	Should be included in computer package if computer purchase previously approved
MS Office (Student Edition)	$300	Once every 2 loan years	Should be included in computer package if computer previously approved
Operating System	$250	Once every 2 loan years	Should be included in computer package if computer previously approved. Would only apply if new operating software needed for

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			disability assistive software.
Large Screen Monitor (over 19 inches)	Provincial Discretion	One time	Low Vision Users
Scanners	$350	One time	Should be included in computer package if computer previously approved Eg. Printer/scanner
PORTABLE COMPUTER DEVICES (TABLETS)	$650 with clear rationale for this option	Once every five years	E.g. I PADS Note: Only one computer package option can be selected – portable computer device, desktop or laptop Clear documentation of the rationale to fund such devices must explain why no other form of time management works for the student.. iPads/ Playbooks that run computer software and other applications may be recommended to perform a number of functions, including note-taking, time management, digital recorder, electronic reader, assistance with oral communication. The devices should only be approved where documentation demonstrates that the device is needed to perform multiple functions not performed by any other devices, or combination of devices, at a similar cost. Laptops and notebook computers provide similar functionality and may not be funded simultaneously with iPads/Playbooks. If a student has already received funding for a laptop, they may not receive funding for an

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			iPad/Playbook as well.
WORDPROCESSORS - PORTABLE			
Alphasmart/DANA/NEO/Quickpad	$600	One time	Lightweight note takers
CCTVs			
Stationary (ie. Optelec, SmartView, MagniLink, etc.)	$5000	One time	Low Vision Users; Video Magnifiers used to enlarge text of printed material.
Portable CCTVs (for in class use & libraries) (I.e. Flipper, Optelec Traveler, Clarity Rio, Smartview Pocket, etc.)	$2500	One time	
DIGITAL RECORDERS			
Digital Recorders; MP3,**IPODS**	$200	One time	Audio recorders for class notes or storage of audio text files (books). MP3 can also be used for students who have a documented time management disability. MP3 players may also be approved as digital recorders iPods/MP3 players with calendar/reminder functions are sometimes recommended for students who have difficulty with time management and require a portable device that can keep track of the student's timetable.

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SPELL CHECKERS			
Franklin Language Master 6000B	$200	One time	LD users
Franklin Language Master 6000SE	$550	One time	Blind/Low Vision
READING PENS/ACCESSORIES	$300	Every five years	Able to scan words for audio feedback, definition, etc. .Example Echo
BRAILLE PRODUCTS			
Braille Portable Note Taker	$5,000	Once every five loan years One time	
Refreshable Braille Display	$6,000	Once every five loan years	
Braille Embosser (Printer)	$2,500	Once every five loan years	
FM SYSTEMS			Assistive Listening Devices
For use **without** hearing aids	$800	One time	Hard of hearing; Auditory Processing Disorders
For use **with** hearing aids	$4,000	One time	Hard of hearing
PERSONAL DIGITAL ORGANIZERS (PDAS)		Detailed justification; otherwise ineligible	
OTHER RELATED ITEMS			
i.e. Key to Access (Premier Products)	$500	One time + upgrades every two loan years	Variety of assistive technology product in one package. i.e. scan & read, talking dictionary, text to audio, e-text reader, screen magnification
SOFTWARE: ITEM /CATEGORY & USAGE	COST	FREQUENCY OF ENTITLEMENT	NOTES
VOICE RECOGNITION			

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Dragon Naturally Speaking, MacSpeech, ViaVoice, iListen, etc.	$250	One time + upgrades every two loan years	Speech to text software for individuals who **can** access the keyboard and mouse. Speech to text software for individuals who **cannot** access the keyboard and mouse.
Professional Versions of above.	$1,100		Special Requirements with rationale provided as to why this level is needed.
Digital Recorder with Dragon Naturally Speaking Bundle	$500	One time	Allows for transference of voice recorded notes to computer for conversion to text.
SCREEN READING SOFTWARE (VISUAL IMPAIRED) (i.e., JAWs, Window Eyes, etc.	$1,400	One time + upgrades every two loan years	Includes maintenance agreement (upgrades)
SCREEN MAGNIFICATION SOFTWARE			
I.e., ZoomText, Lunar, MAGic, etc.	$700	One time + upgrades every two loan years	Includes maintenance agreement (upgrades)
TEXT TO SPEECH (OCR) – VISUAL IMPAIRED READING I.e. Kurzweil 1000, OpenBook, etc.	$1,100	One time + upgrades every two loan years	Includes maintenance agreement (upgrades) for visual impairment
TEXT TO SPEECH (OCR) – LD READING			
I.e. Kurzweil 3000, WYNN etc. (B/W) – Standard (Color) – If required	$1,100 $1,500	One time + upgrades every two loan years	Includes maintenance agreement (upgrades) For students with confirmed LD or ADHD
ASSISTIVE WRITING SOFTWARE			
I.e. TextHelp Standard & Gold, WordQ/SpeakQ, Write:OutLoud, Co:Writer	$250 to $700	One time + upgrades every two loan years	Most include word prediction, dictionaries, spell checkers, text-to speech
Organizational / Mapping	$100 to	One time + upgrades	Brainstorm mapping, outline building, to

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I.e. Inspiration, Draft Builder, Spark-Space, etc.	$250	every two loan years	writing process

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