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If you have questions, please call our customer service number (www.kela.fi/call-kela)



Please make sure to complete the form carefully. Attach all necessary documentation.

We may contact you for further information if necessary.

Send the claim and any supporting documents by mail. The address is Kela, PL 10, 00056 KELA.

Apply for student loan compensation if you have taken a Bachelor's level university degree and you wish to have the compensation on the basis of that degree. File the claim within two years of taking the Bachelor's level university degree.

Your entitlement to student loan compensation is investigated **without any claim** if you have completed a polytechnic degree or a Master's level university degree and your situation is either one of the following:

- you have completed the degree in Finland
- you have completed the degree abroad and reported it to Kela (form OT 29e Notification - Degree completed in a foreign educational institution) within two years of completing the degree.

1. Claimant

Personal identity code _____ Family name and given name _____

Street address _____

Postal code _____

Postal district _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

2. Higher education degree completed

Educational institution _____

Country of study _____

- i** If you have completed a higher education degree abroad you must also complete form OT 29e (Notification - Degree completed in a foreign educational institution) and send it to Kela.

Study programme or line of study _____

Degree completed _____

Date of completing the degree: _____

Level of the completed degree: Bachelor's level polytechnic degree Bachelor's level university degree

Master's level polytechnic degree Master's level university degree

Other, please specify: _____

When were you first admitted to complete a degree (at any higher education institution)?

- i** The time of study taken into account for the student loan compensation starts from the beginning of the semester in which you were first admitted to complete a degree.

Autumn semester (1.8–31.12) of _____ (year) Spring semester (1.1–31.7) of _____ (year)

When did you start your first higher education studies (first semester enrolled as attending for studies leading to a higher education degree)?

Autumn semester (1.8–31.12) of _____ (year) Spring semester (1.1–31.7) of _____ (year)

- i** If you started your first higher education studies in spring semester 2014 or earlier you cannot be granted student loan compensation.

3. Factors contributing to delayed degree attainment

While a student, I performed conscript or non-military service, or voluntary military service for women in the period

_____ - _____
Enclose a copy of military passport or certificate of service showing the period of conscript or non-military service, or voluntary military service for women.

While a student, I received

pregnancy allowance or maternity allowance, paternity allowance or parental allowance for the period

_____ - _____

sickness allowance for the period _____ - _____

rehabilitation subsidy, pension or compensation on account of full incapacity for work for the period

_____ - _____

Enclose a statement from the organisation that awarded the benefit on benefits paid, if the benefit was awarded by some other organisation than Kela and there is no information on the benefit in the national incomes register. The statement must show the period for which the benefit is awarded.

The completion of the degree was delayed due to the coronavirus epidemic

i The reasons for the delay in your studies may for instance have to do with the study arrangements, with travel restrictions or other government recommendations, or with your or your family member's health or general life situation.

Enclose

- a list of the studies required for the degree which were delayed due to the coronavirus epidemic
- a free-form explanation of how the coronavirus epidemic delayed your studies
- information on the semesters during which the studies were delayed.

I completed a degree at a foreign higher education institution and the time for completing the studies was prolonged because of a delay in the award of the diploma for a reason that was not due to me or because the school uses different start and end dates for the semesters than those used in Finland.

Enclose information on

- your actual time of study
- the reason for the delay in the award of the diploma
- the start and end dates of the semesters.

i You can certify your actual time of study for instance with a transcript of records from the educational institution, showing when the last study credit was completed. You can certify the start and end dates of the semesters for instance with a picture of the web pages of the educational institution, showing the start and end dates of the semesters. If the reason for the delay is the process for awarding diplomas, you can certify this with a free-form certificate from the educational institution.

The completion of the degree was delayed due to the country of study being under martial law or some other comparable serious and exceptional circumstance.

Enclose

- a list of the studies required for the degree which were delayed due to a state of martial law or some other comparable serious and exceptional circumstance
- a free-form statement detailing the serious and exceptional circumstance that affected your studies and the manner in which it delayed the completion of the degree
- information on the semesters during which the studies were delayed.

4. Signature

I declare that the information I have given above is true and accurate.

Place and date

Signature

Information obtained for the purpose of deciding the present matter may be used for other benefit determinations, if so required under law. Any information obtained within the context of another benefit may also be used to decide the present matter.

Please contact us for more information about which outside sources we may access to obtain additional information about your circumstances and to whom we may provide such information.