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

We may contact you for further information if necessary.

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

- i** This claim form concerns persons with a higher education degree who have student loans, when the **first** higher education studies started 1 August 2014 or thereafter (first academic year as attending 2014 -2015 or thereafter).
- i** Student loan compensation can also be granted when you accepted the offer of admission before 1 August 2014 but enrolled as attending for the first time 1 August 2014 or thereafter.

When to claim: 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

- you have completed the degree in Finland
- you have completed the degree abroad and reported it to Kela (form OT 29) within two years of completing the degree.

- i** You must claim the 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. Student loan compensation must be claimed within two years of taking a Bachelor's level university degree.

1. Claimant

Personal identity code

Family name and given name

Street address

Postal number

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 always complete form OT 29 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

Master's level polytechnic degree

Bachelor's level university degree

Master's level university degree

Other, please specify:

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

Autumn semester of (year) _____ Spring semester 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

i See section 4 (Enclosures).

While a student, did you perform conscript or non-military service, or voluntary military service for women?

Yes; during the period _____._____ - _____._____.

While a student, did you receive

– maternity, paternity or parental allowance on account of child care under the Health Insurance Act?

Yes; during the period _____._____ - _____._____.

– sickness allowance under the Health Insurance Act due to illness?

Yes; during the period _____._____ - _____._____.

– rehabilitation subsidy, pension or compensation on account of full incapacity for work?

Yes; during the period _____._____ - _____._____.

Have you completed a degree at a foreign institution of higher education and has the time for completing the studies been prolonged because of a delay in the award of the diploma for a reason that is not due to you or because the school uses different start and end dates for the terms than those used in Finland?

Yes. Provide information about your actual time of study, the reasons for the delay in the granting of the diploma and the start and end dates of the terms.

Have you during the autumn semester 2020 (1 August - 31 December 2020) completed a degree in higher education on the basis of which you are applying for student loan compensation? Please also indicate whether the completing of the degree was delayed due to the coronavirus epidemic.

Yes. Provide information about the studies required for the degree that you did not complete in the spring semester 2020 (1 January - 31 July 2020) and explain how the coronavirus epidemic affected these studies so that you did not complete them.

4. Enclosures

Section 3. Factors contributing to delayed degree attainment

Copy of military passport or certificate of service showing the period of national military service or non-military service or voluntary military service for women.

Statement from the organisation that awarded the benefit on benefits paid. The statement must show the period for which the benefit is awarded. No statement need to be submitted regarding benefits granted by Kela.

Information on the actual time of study, the reason for the delay in the awarding of the diploma and the start and end dates of the terms, if you have completed a degree at a foreign institution of higher education (see section 3).

List of studies required for the degree that you did not complete in the spring semester 2020 (1 January - 31 July 2020) due to the coronavirus epidemic and a free-form explanation of how the coronavirus epidemic affected these studies so that you did not complete them. An acceptable reason can be related to for instance the study arrangements or to your or your family member's health or life situation.

5. 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.