



Category:	Student Financial Aid
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Whereas:

In 2001, the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC) began working on the development of a Designation Policy Framework for institutions and student financial assistance. It was guided by the following four principles:

1. Taxpayer protection
2. Accountability and informed choice
3. Consumer protection
4. Complementarity to other postsecondary education policies ¹

The framework is particularly concerned with the default and repayment rates of student loan recipients from a given institution. This framework is meant to increase the monitoring of each institutions recipients, and in the worst case scenario can lead to the “de-designation” of an institution, whereby its students would no longer qualify for student loans, since graduates of their institution will have been deemed too great a risk to default.

The Alliance of Nova Scotia Student Associations (ANSSA) believes that students at any accredited, public institution should be able to receive the financial assistance necessary to pursue their education, and that no public post-secondary institution should be de-designated under any circumstances.

Therefore, ANSSA:

1. *Opposes* any move to de-designate an accredited, public post-secondary institution in Canada.

¹ “Designation Policy Framework – Backgrounder” <http://www.cmec.ca/releases/2004-11-17.en.stm>. Accessed August 22, 2005.