

KGIC Group – March 29, 2017 Closure

The following institutions closed on or before March 29, 2017:

- MTI Community College
- KGIBC (King George International Business College)
- PGIC Career College
- UCCBT (Upper Career College of Business & Technology)
- VIA Training Centre

Update at March 30, 2018

Students whose institution closes before they can complete their program may file a claim on the [Student Tuition Protection Fund](#) within one year after their institution closed. The deadline for students enrolled at one of the above-noted institutions was March 29, 2018. Students who have not filed a claim are no longer eligible for a tuition refund. The Private Training Institutions Branch (PTIB) made several attempts to contact all students enrolled at one of these closed institutions to advise students of the one-year deadline for submitting an institution closure claim.

Not all students who have filed a claim have had their claim adjudicated. If you are a student whose claim has not been adjudicated yet, ensure that you check your email regularly and respond to any requests for information or records from PTIB.

If you have any questions, please email PTI.institutionclosure@gov.bc.ca.

The information below was posted on the Private Training Institutions Branch website between March 29, 2017 and March 29, 2018.

Private Training Institutions Branch (PTIB) staff attended these institutions on the following dates:

March 22, 2017	March 23, 2017	March 24, 2017	March 27, 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KGIBC, UCCBT, and PGIC Career College 9:30 am – 12:00 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MTI Chilliwack 10:00 am - 12:30 pm • MTI Surrey 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MTI Vancouver 9:30 am - 12:00 pm • MTI Burnaby 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VIA Training Centre 10:00 am conference call (invitations were emailed to students)

What happens when an institution that is certified by PTIB (Private Training Institutions Branch) closes?

When an institution that is certified by PTIB closes, PTIB staff will try to ensure students will be able to complete their training at another institution (the train-out institution) that is reasonably close, with a minimum of disruption.

How will I know what other programs are available?

When we visited, we explained your options and provided you with a list of train-out institutions you may attend to complete your program. This list has been updated, and is posted below. You may be eligible to file a claim that would allow you to have a tuition refund paid to the train-out institution where you may complete your program. This means that you would not have to pay any additional tuition to complete your program. PTIB manages a fund made up of money paid by all certified institutions that students may access when a certified institution closes. The money may be used either to compensate another institution where a student may attend to complete a program or to refund a student if there is no comparable program.

If you were unable to attend the PTIB meeting at your institution, please email PTI.institutionclosure@gov.bc.ca and provide your name, email and phone number where you can be reached during the day. We will send you the information by email.

What if I can't enrol at the train-out institution?

If you think there are special circumstances preventing you from attending the train-out institution, you must submit a [Special Circumstances – Institution Closure Claim Form](#) with your claim. If we agree that you cannot attend the train-out institution, the tuition refund will be paid first to the government if you have provincial or federal student loans, and the balance to you.

If you do not want to enrol at the train-out institution and you do not have special circumstances preventing you from attending, no tuition refund will be issued.

How quickly do I need to choose a train-out institution?

You need to enrol at the train-out institution as soon as possible. Staying out of school longer than 3 weeks may impact your student loan eligibility. If you are an international student, staying out of school may impact your study permit.

What happens if there is no comparable program?

If there is no train-out institution offering a comparable program, you may still file a claim and the tuition refund would first be paid to government, if you have student loans, then to you. PTIB will help you determine if you are eligible for a refund.

Will I owe tuition and fees?

A train-out institution may not charge you tuition unless you still owe a portion of the tuition that was listed in the enrolment contract you signed with the closed institution.

The train-out institution may charge administrative fees, application fees, assessment fees and fees charged for course materials. These fees must be listed in the enrolment contract you sign with the train-out institution.

International Students on Study Permits

Your study permit is valid until it expires. From the list of train-out institutions, ensure that you choose a program offered by an institution that is on the [Designated Learning Institutions](#) list and authorized to host international students with study permits. This means you will be able to complete your program at that institution as long as your study permit is valid. However, you must update program information with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) via their MyCIC account online. Further information is available at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/helpcentre/answer.asp?qnum=487&top=15>.

Students Receiving Student Financial Assistance

How does this affect my StudentAid BC funding?

In the event of a school closure, every effort will be made by the relevant government agencies to limit the disruption to your studies.

Your StudentAid BC funding will only be affected if your studies are disrupted for a period of 21 days or more. This means that no more than three weeks may pass between the last date of attendance at the original post-secondary institution and the start date at the new institution.

However, you will be required to notify StudentAid BC if you transfer to a new institution, as well as if your studies are disrupted for 21 days or more.

What are my options with regards to my StudentAid BC funding?

Should you transfer to a comparable program at a different institution within 21 days of your last date of attendance at your original school, you may complete an [Appendix 5 – Transfer of School](#) form to avoid having an overaward assessed or having to reapply for StudentAid BC funding.

If you do not transfer to a comparable program at a new institution within 21 days of your last date of classes with your original school, a withdrawal will be processed on your student loan record.

How do I notify StudentAid BC if I transfer to a comparable program at a different institution?

In the case that you transfer to a comparable program at a different institution and commence studies at the new institution within 21 days of your last date of attendance at your original school, you are required to submit an [Appendix 5 – Transfer of School](#) form. PTIB will complete Section 2 of the form, the new school you have transferred to will complete Section 3 of the form, and you are responsible to complete Section 1 of the form.

What happens to my StudentAid BC funding if I do not transfer to a comparable program at a different institution within 21 days of my last day in attendance at my original school?

If you do not transfer to a new institution within 21 days of your last date of attendance at your original school, a withdrawal will be processed on your student loan records. As your StudentAid BC funding was calculated based on the completion of your anticipated study period, a

withdrawal may result in an overaward being assessed on the StudentAid BC funding you have received. An overaward can affect your future StudentAid BC funding. Please see <https://studentaidbc.ca/apply/overaward> for more information about what to do in the event of an overaward.

If you decide to return to full time studies within 6 months of your withdrawal date, you may submit an overaward appeal. This will initiate a review of your circumstances for consideration in having the overaward set aside until your loan is scheduled for repayment. Overaward appeals must be submitted within 90 days from the date of your overaward notification letter.

Additional information

For more information, contact PTIB at PTI.institutionclosure@gov.bc.ca.