

**261.54 Repayment of science and mathematics loans.**

Repayment of a loan made under the science and mathematics loan program prior to July 1, 1988, shall begin one year after the recipient completes the educational program for which tuition and fees were received except as otherwise provided in this section. If a recipient submits evidence to the commission that the recipient was employed as a teacher of one or more science or mathematics courses or as an elementary teacher teaching science and mathematics in a public school district or nonpublic school in this state or at the Iowa braille and sight saving school or the Iowa school for the deaf during that year, fifty percent of the amount of the loan is canceled. If the recipient continues employment as a teacher of science or mathematics courses or as an elementary teacher teaching science and mathematics during the next succeeding school year and submits evidence to the commission of the continuation of teaching employment, the recipient is not required to commence repayment during that school year and at the end of that school year the remaining fifty percent of the loan is canceled.

There is created a science and mathematics loan repayment fund for deposit of payments made by recipients. Payments made by recipients of the loans shall be used to supplement moneys appropriated to the guaranteed loan payment program. Any funds remaining on June 30 of a fiscal year shall be transferred from the fund created in this section to the general fund of the state.

The interest rate collected on the loan shall be equal to the interest rate being collected by an eligible lender under the guaranteed loan payment program.

The commission shall prescribe by rule the terms of repayment which shall provide for monthly payments of principal and interest of not less than seventy-five dollars.

83 Acts, ch 184, §9, 15; 84 Acts, ch 1044, §1; 84 Acts, ch 1060, §2; 85 Acts, ch 263, §23; 89 Acts, ch 300, §17; 89 Acts, ch 319, §49