

Skills Development Program

Description

Skills Development Program provides financial support to EI-eligible individuals who are seeking full-time post-secondary training, for duration of 12 weeks or greater or short-term training of less than 12 weeks at a public or private training institution. Funding is provided through the Canada – Newfoundland and Labrador Labour Market Development Agreement (LMDA).

Eligible Participants

To be eligible for skills development training, the individual shall:

- Be a resident of Newfoundland and Labrador;
- Be Canadian citizens or permanent residents entitled to work in Canada;
- Have an active employment plan that is linked to the post-secondary education being pursued; and
- Sign a Client Consent Form to allow for the exchange and/or release of information.
- Meet the definition of an EI insured participant;
- Be deemed to have made the transition from school to work. This means that the individual must have been out of high school for a minimum of two years. During that two-year period, the individual must have been working or looking for work.

Other criteria may apply.

Training

A skills development training agreement cannot exceed three years in duration. There is no minimum duration for training that can be supported under short-term training.

Individuals who participate in skills development training may be required to make a financial contribution towards the cost of their training.

How to Apply

In order to allow for processing time, an employment plan must be developed at a local Employment Centre.

All supporting documentation must be received by the local office at least four weeks prior to the start date of the training program. However, for programs commencing in September, applications for Skills Development must be received at least six weeks prior to the start date of the training program.

Applications received after these timelines may not be processed.

Your application must be approved by the Department before you begin your training

For additional information

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