
Policy Manual Update

Subject: Referral to Training - Feepayer Policy

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BACKGROUND:

The Employment Insurance (EI) program provides temporary financial assistance to unemployed Canadians who have lost their job, through no fault of their own. In order to be eligible to continue to receive EI benefits while attending training, an EI recipient must be referred to training by authorized Human Services staff. Unemployed individuals may request this referral, when they plan to attend full-time training at their own cost.

INTENT:

Human Services' role under the Labour Market Development Agreement is to facilitate a prompt return to employment, for active EI recipients. Human Services will foster skills development, through training, when it supports a quick return to work.

POLICY:

The Feepayer Policy has been modified to include the following changes:

- Program - eligibility criteria modified:
 - from "results in a credential within 2 years" to "results in a recognized credential within 1 year from the training start date".
 - to include "or demonstrates improved language proficiency as evidenced by increased Canadian Language Benchmarks (CLB) levels in all competency areas". This addition is in relation to individuals attending Language Instruction for Newcomers (LINC).

The [Feepayer Fact Sheet](#) has been revised to reflect the policy changes.