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BACKGROUND:

The Government of Alberta is committed to helping Albertans obtain the skills they need to participate in the labour market by providing financial assistance to eligible individuals.

Effective April 1, 2014, individuals attending Occupational Training programs 12 weeks or longer in duration will apply for funding through Student Aid Alberta as these programs are not eligible for Alberta Works funding. This change will affect individuals planning to attend training on a full-time or a part-time basis.

Prospective post-secondary individuals should be directed to contact the Student Aid Alberta Service Centre: 1-855-606-2096 for information and application assistance.

Alberta Works funding will continue to be available for Human Services approved Occupational Training programs less than 12 weeks.

INTENT:

Learner Funding Alignment Strategy, Phase 2 will reduce duplication and overlap of government funding programs and ensure that Albertans attending the same training and education programs receive equitable access to government funding.

POLICY:

The following policies have been updated:

[Occupational Training](#)
[Approval of Training Programs](#)