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BACKGROUND:

The Federal Budget 2017 introduced measures to provide enhanced student financial assistance and make better use of Employment Insurance flexibilities targeted to working or unemployed Canadians looking to return to school to upgrade their skills. Together these initiatives comprise Skills Boost. General information about the Skills Boost initiative is available on their [website](#).

INTENT:

To provide staff and service providers with detailed information about the new federal initiatives when working with individuals interested in pursuing full-time training starting in the 2018 – 2019 academic year.

POLICY:

Information products, created by Employment and Social Development Canada, to provide Service Delivery partners with additional information about the Skills Boost initiative have been posted to the Alberta Works Policy Manual under the Employment Insurance Initiatives section:

- [Budget 2017: Skills Boost Backgrounder](#)
- [Question and Answer document](#)