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**BACKGROUND:**

Employment and training programs, including Income Support for Learners, were transferred from Community and Social Services (formerly Human Services) to the ministries of Advanced Education and Labour effective April 1, 2016.

As Community and Social Services is no longer responsible for these programs, the Minister of Community and Social Services (formerly Human Services) previously signed the following Ministerial Orders to remove delegations or sections pertaining to the Learner client category:

- [Ministerial Order No. 2016-21](#), under the *Income and Employment Supports Act (IESA)* and its regulations, delegates the Minister's power, duties and functions to specific Human Services' staff to make decisions on behalf of the Minister.
- [Ministerial Order No. 2016-22](#), in accordance with the Income Support, Training and Health Benefits (ISTHB) Regulation, establishes: the core essential payment rates limited to food or if living in an approved home or group home for Barriers to Full Employment (BFE) and Expected to Work or Working (ETW) household units; exempted assets and financial resources; and supplementary income support for BFE and ETW client categories.

Community and Social Services MOs for programs that have been transferred have been removed and replaced with MOs from the ministries of Advanced and Labour, as follows, to support the employment and training programs and the Learner client category for which they are now responsible:

- Advanced Education:
  - [Ministerial Order No. 305/2016](#), in accordance with the ISTHB Regulation, establishes: exempted assets and financial resources; excess certain assets; and supplementary income support for Advanced Education-funded learners.
  - [Ministerial Order No. 307/2016](#), under *IESA* and its regulations, delegates the Minister's power, duties and functions to specific Advanced Education staff to make decisions on behalf of the Minister.
  - [Ministerial Order No. 308/2016](#), in accordance with the ISTHB Regulation, determines the acceptable attendance requirements for Advanced Education-funded Employment Insurance (EI) and Non-EI full-time learners to maintain income support and benefits and training benefits while attending full-time training programs approved by Advanced Education.
  - [Ministerial Order No. 309/2016](#), for purposes of specific sections of the ISTHB Regulation, determines the acceptable attendance requirements, the household unit's maximum qualifying income levels and transportation allowance for Advanced Education-funded part-time learners.
  - [Ministerial Order No. 310/2016](#), in accordance with the Training Provider Regulation, establishes minimum criteria that the training providers' attendance policies must meet when providing training to Advanced Education-funded learners.
- Labour:
  - [Ministerial Order No. 2016-08](#), in accordance with the ISTHB Regulation, establishes exempted assets and financial resources; excess of certain assets and supplementary income support for Labour-funded learners.
  - [Ministerial Order No. 2016-10](#), under *IESA* and its regulations, delegates the Minister's power, duties and functions to specific Labour staff to make decisions on behalf of the Minister.
  - [Ministerial Order No. 2016-11](#), in accordance with the ISTHB Regulation, determines the acceptable attendance requirements for Labour-funded EI and Non-EI full-time learners to maintain income support and benefits and training benefits while attending full-time training programs approved by Labour.
  - [Ministerial Order No. 2016-12](#), in accordance with the Training Provider Regulation, establishes minimum criteria that the training providers' attendance policies must meet when providing training to Labour-funded learners.

**INTENT:**

To ensure the Ministerial Orders reflect updated Ministerial authorities and delegations.

**POLICY:**

Effective immediately, the following Ministerial Orders have been posted.

Ministerial Order No. 2016-21 (Community and Social Services)

Ministerial Order No. 2016-22 (Community and Social Services)

Ministerial Order No. 305/2016 (Advanced Education)

Ministerial Order No. 307/2016 (Advanced Education)

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Ministerial Order No. 2016-08 (Labour)

Ministerial Order No. 2016-10 (Labour)

Ministerial Order No. 2016-11 (Labour)

Ministerial Order No. 2016-12 (Labour)