

Subject: Exceptions to Learner Income Support Eligibility for 16-19 Year Olds

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BACKGROUND:

Eligibility for Learner Income Support establishes applicants need to be at least 18 years of age and not have attended a school under the *Education Act* for 12 consecutive months. The Exceptions to Eligibility Criteria policy allows exceptions to age and out of high school requirements for 16-19 year olds seeking Learner Income Support. The current exceptions to eligibility includes seven different requirements for 16-19 year olds and additional criteria for learners attending Transitional Vocational Programs to be at least 18 years.

The Exceptions to Eligibility Criteria policy is being replaced with the Exceptions to Age and Out of School Requirement policy which will streamline and simplify the eligibility criteria for 16-19 year olds. The new policy will only have three requirements for eligibility plus a fourth additional requirement for special consideration. The new policy will also automatically waive the age and out of school requirements for Transitional Vocational Training.

INTENT:

To ensure exceptions to eligibility criteria for 16-19 year olds is streamlined and simplified.

POLICY:

The Exceptions to Eligibility Criteria policy will be replaced with the [Exceptions to Age and Out of School Requirement](#) policy.