

Subject: COVID-19 and Extension of Learner Income Support Benefits for Those in Contracted Training

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**MESSAGE:**

Due to the quickly changing situation regarding COVID-19, the Chief Medical Officer of Alberta has declared a state of public health emergency on March 17, 2020. This includes measures to improve public safety including the closure of schools and other public facilities through the Chief Medical Officer of Health Order 01-2020.

To encourage social distancing and prevent the spread of the virus, training programs that are unable to provide distance learning will be postponed effective immediately.

Learner Income Support Benefits will continue to be extended for two months if the program is delayed or canceled, for April and May 2020. This applies to those who are currently receiving Learner Income Support and for those who have already been approved to attend Labour and Immigration training and receive Learner Income Support. Learners will receive this extension of benefits to ensure their living allowance continues during this public health emergency.

For those who have applied for training and have not yet been approved, more information will be communicated as soon as it is available.

For general public information on COVID-19, please visit [Alberta.ca/covid](https://alberta.ca/covid).

Attached is a [Frequently Asked Questions Document](#) for Labour and Immigration training providers.