

Transitioning Funding Support for Apprenticeship-related Programs from Human Services to Innovation and Advanced Education

Key Messages for learners and apprentices

- The Alberta Government is streamlining student financial assistance programs to reduce duplication and make them more consistent and fair for Albertans who take post-secondary education, including apprenticeship-related programs.
- Student Aid Alberta is enhancing its financial supports to make it easier for apprentices, indigenous and low-income learners to access funding and realize their post-secondary goals. These student funding improvements are now available for training that starts August 1, 2015 or later.
- Alberta Works grant funding will continue to be available for apprenticeship-related programs that starts on or before September 30, 2015.
- If you've been approved for apprenticeship-related funding through Student Aid Alberta, you'll need to cancel your Student Aid funding to receive an Alberta Works grant. However if you're a registered apprentice in your first period technical training, you're also eligible for Student Aid's \$750 First Period Apprentice Award. You can receive Student Aid's \$750 First Period Apprentice Award while receiving Alberta Works grant funding.
- To get the First Period Apprentice Award, log into your secure [MyTradesecrets account](#) and follow the instructions.
- If you're a registered apprentice you can apply for Alberta Works Apprentice Income Support up to the last day of your training. This means Alberta Works can accept and process applications until the training end date for courses that started in September 2015.
- Alberta Works Learner Income Support and Apprentice Income Support will no longer be available for apprenticeship-related programs that start on October 1, 2015 or later.
- If you're considering apprenticeship-related programs that start on October 1, 2015 or later, you need to contact Student Aid Alberta to ask about funding options you may be eligible for. You can call Student Aid toll-free at 1-855-606-2096 or check the website at studentaid.alberta.ca.