

# Employment Ontario 2017-2018 Business Planning Questions and Answers

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## FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS

### **Q1. Why was the release of 2017-2018 EO Business Plans delayed?**

**A1.** Business Planning was delayed this year due to operational considerations – specifically, the need to undertake preparatory analysis that took longer than planned and prevented an earlier release of the business plan packages in EOIS-SP Connect.

### **Q2. What is the status of my organization's 2017-18 [program name] business plan? Can we discuss issues such as our organization's focus and priorities for the upcoming fiscal year?**

**A2.** As of December 9, 2016, Business Plans for the following programs are available for service providers to complete:

- Employment Service (ES)
- Literacy and Basic Skills Service Delivery/Support Organizations
- Local Boards (LB)
- Ontario Employment Assistance Services (OEAS)
- Youth Job Connection/Summer (YJC/S)
- Youth Job Link (YJL)

The submission date for the 2017-2018 Business Plans is January 13, 2017.

While the structure of the Business Plans varies by program, the intent is to capture each organization's achievements in the current fiscal year, as well as their plans for the upcoming year. This is an opportunity to highlight your organization's focus and priorities for the upcoming fiscal year, as well as address any concerns that might exist.

The business plan template for the Canada-Ontario Job Grant will be made available to service providers through EOIS-SP Connect in the near future.

The release date for the Local Planning and Employment Council (LEPC) Business Plan template is in the process of being finalized, and we hope to share the release date with the LEPCs by mid-to-late January 2017.

**Q3. When should we expect to learn of our 2017-18 [program name] allocation and service unit decisions?**

**A3.** As a result of the postponed release of the 2017-2018 Business Plans, we expect related delays with agreement generation, therefore service providers may not hear back from their Employment and Training Consultants (ETCs) on the final budgets and targets until mid-to-late February 2017. However, the ministry is committed to having all agreements finalized in time for the upcoming fiscal year.