



**MEMORANDUM TO:** Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) Service Providers

**FROM:** Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities

**DATE:** May 20, 2015

**SUBJECT:** **Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) Audit and Accountability Requirements for 2015-16**

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**OBJECTIVE:**

The purpose of this bulletin is to advise Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) organizations of posting of the 2015-16 LBS Audit and Accountability Requirements (AAR).

The AARs have been revised to include changes that support the Ministry's focus on continuous improvement and strengthened accountability and better alignment across Employment Ontario programs.

**WHAT IS HAPPENING:**

The 2015-16 Audit and Accountability Requirements for LBS have now been posted on the Employment Ontario Partner's Gateway site.

**WHAT HAS CHANGED:**

**Service Delivery / Support Organization**

- The definition of operating funds has been refined to include a reference to costs associated with arranging for American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters, deaf-blind interveners and note-taking services directly related to the Ministry
- A new definition for the ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreter/Intervener Fund (Other Funding 10) has been included in the AARs. This funding will be used to pay for ASL interpreters, deaf-blind interveners and note-taking services for deaf staff and managers not covered under Operating Funds.

For additional information, please refer to the 2015-16 AARs for the LBS program which are available on the EOPG.

If your organization has any questions regarding the changes introduced in the 2015-16 AARs, please contact your Ministry Consultant.