



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

FROM: Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities

DATE: December 21, 2015

SUBJECT: Learner Gains Research Project to Launch in January

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform LBS service providers of the upcoming launch of the Learner Gains Research Project, an 11-month project that aims to explore options to further test the Essential Skills for Employment and Education (ESEE) assessment tool.

The project will collect data that will provide additional lines of evidence to inform Phase II-B of the Performance Management Framework (PMF) implementation. Approximately 30 service providers from across all regions and LBS delivery streams will be asked to participate in order to target a representative sample population of 1,800 learners. The Learner Gains Research Project will support the LBS program by providing a better understanding of the experiences and progress of Learners.

BACKGROUND

Earlier this year, after adjustments were made to make it more inclusive of Level 1 Learners, College Sector Committee piloted the ESEE assessment tool. LBS service providers volunteered to participate in the pilot and the tool was well received. Because we have identified a gap in learner data instrumental in determining program needs, the research project will now collect this information on the broad spectrum of LBS learners, enabling the ministry to make informed decisions on the future direction of the LBS PMF.

More information about the project can be found on the [Service Provider Questions and Answers document](#).

Should your organization require more information, please contact your employment and training consultant.