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Memorandum

To: Ontario Bridging Participant Assistance Program Service Providers

From: David Cronin, Director, Program Delivery Support Branch (PDSB),
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Date: December 11, 2020

Subject: Delivery of 2020-2021 Ontario Bridging Participant Assistance Program
(OBPAP)

Objective

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform Ontario Bridging Participant Assistance Program (OBPAP) service providers of the program administration timelines for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

What is happening?

The administration of OBPAP has been transferred from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities (MCU) to the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development (MLTSD) beginning fiscal year 2020-21. MLTSD has begun delivering program agreements in November.

Who Is Affected?

Ontario Bridge Training Program service providers in receipt of OBPAP, and OBPAP recipients.

What should be done now?

MLTSD regional staff begun contacting OBPAP service providers to initiate agreement in November 2020. Payment terms and timelines will be outlined within the transfer payment agreement.

Background

The Ontario Bridging Participant Assistance Program (OBPAP) provides bursary assistance of up to \$5,000 to internationally trained professionals with financial need enrolled in non-OSAP approved bridge training programs with direct education costs offered at Ontario publicly-assisted colleges and universities as well as the Michener Institute of Education at UHN (the postsecondary institutions).

Contact Information

Each OBPAP service provider will be contacted by an Employment Training Consultant from the regional office. Once this connection is made, questions can be submitted via the regional office.

Many thanks,

David Cronin