

## **Memorandum**

**To:** Employment Ontario Network

**From:** Cordelia Abankwa  
Assistant Deputy Minister, Employment and Training Division  
Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development

**Date:** October 1, 2021

**Subject:** Ontario Bridge Training Program - New Transfer Payment  
Agreements (October 2021-September 30, 2024)

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Dear Employment Ontario Network Delivery Partners,

In February 2021, the ministry launched a Request for Application (RFA) process to select applicants for the next Ontario Bridge Training Program (OBTP) funding cycle. Following the closing of the RFA in May 2021 and an extensive review period, forty-seven (47) OBTP projects were approved for funding, with agreements taking effect in October 2021.

All applicants were recently notified of the RFA results, and I'm pleased to report that the ministry is now moving forward with the start of the new OBTP funding cycle which will run from October 2021 to September 30, 2024. These 47 projects will support clients in several important sectors across the province, including: business/administration, healthcare, IT, construction, and finance.

All OBTP Service Providers with agreements starting October 2021, will be contacted by their regional Employment Training Consultant to discuss next steps for project delivery as outlined in their Transfer Payment Agreement.

Sincere thanks to all applicants for your interest in the 2021 RFA process. The ministry looks forward to working with all OBTP Service Providers to help internationally trained immigrants find commensurate employment in Ontario's labour market.

Please reach out to your local ministry representative should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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