

Memorandum

To: Employment Ontario Delivery Partners
From: Ken Nakahara
Assistant Deputy Minister
Employment and Training Division
Date: **March 13, 2024**
Subject: Allocations for Fiscal Year 2024-25

Dear Employment Ontario (EO) Partner:

I am writing to inform you about funding decisions made by the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development (the ministry) as part of the annual targets and funding allocations exercise for select Employment Ontario (EO) programs.

Status quo funding for Employment Service (ES), Youth Job Connection (YJC), Youth Job Connection: Summer (YJC-S) and Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) programs

Funding for the ES, YJC, YJC-S and LBS programs to service providers will remain unchanged. This approach will ensure service continuity and ongoing supports for workers, ensuring that Ontario's changing economy has a secure supply of talented workers – now and in the future.

Please note that, as the ministry continues with the provincial rollout of Employment Services Transformation (EST), planning is underway to roll out EST Phase 3 (North-East, North-West and Toronto) catchment areas. This will see the majority of the ES, YJC and YJC-S service providers transition to the selected Service System Managers (SSMs).

Programs and Funding Changes

A portion of Canada Ontario Job Grant (COJG) funding will be redirected to increase the ministry's investment in quality apprenticeship in-class training through the In-Class Enhancement Fund (IEF) program. The COJG program will see a reduction in overall funding of \$9M, with IEF seeing an increase of \$9M in funding.

The ministry seeks to ensure that program funding is allocated in a manner that considers factors such as client demand and program delivery requirements. The funding increase to the IEF program will offset existing pressures on the program through annual in-class training seat planning.

Next Steps

The ministry is committed to having transfer payment agreements finalized in time for the 2024-25 fiscal year (i.e., April 1, 2024).

Employment and Training Consultants will be contacting service providers in the near future to finalize the 2024-25 transfer payment agreements..

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to supporting jobseekers, employers, and communities throughout our Employment Ontario network. Should you have any questions regarding any of these decisions, please contact your Employment and Training Consultant.

Sincerely,

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