



MEMORANDUM TO: Employment Ontario Service Providers

FROM: David Fulford
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SUBJECT: **Changes Coming to the Employment Ontario Partners Gateway**

I am writing to inform you of two initiatives that are now in the works to help enhance your experience in the Employment Ontario Partners Gateway (EOPG).

As you may be aware, the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation -- a regulation of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 -- requires all public-facing government sites to be accessible by January 1, 2016. As we work toward this goal, we are also taking the opportunity to review all documents on the EOPG.

Well recognized as a critical tool for service providers, the EOPG has experienced substantial growth since it was first created. However, that growth has created some challenges for service providers and staff, with both expressing their desire for a more functional and user-friendly site.

Program Delivery Support Branch (PDSB) staff are now reviewing and assessing documents on the EOPG to determine their continued relevance, and to ensure that the remaining documents are in formats that can be accessed by people with disabilities (i.e., either HTML or as accessible PDFs).

Beginning November 23, 2015, documents deemed no longer relevant or current will be removed from the EOPG. For example:

- Program Guidelines will be maintained for the current year only;
- Documents relating to Audit and Accountability Requirements will be retained for the current and the previous fiscal year;
- Directives, Technical Bulletins and Training documents for active programs will be maintained regardless of date.

If there are particular documents you wish to retain, you may want to take this opportunity to save them for your own reference.

Once this work is completed, we will begin work on the development of a refreshed EOPG in 2016. As plans to refresh the site are put in place, we will ensure that users of the EOPG have opportunities for input.

These are just a few of the changes in store for the EOPG. If you have questions about either of these initiatives, please contact Rae Williams, Senior Policy Advisor in the Organizational and Business Excellence Branch. Rae can be reached at rae.williams@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

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