

Ministry of the Economy
LABOUR MARKET DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES
BACKGROUNDER

Support for Skills Training

Youth and Adult Skills Training:

- \$20.19 million for skills training including the skills training allocation, trades and skills centres, early childhood education training, northern skills training and training support of older workers.
 - Skills Training Allocation increases by \$500,000 to support 100 new seats at Parkland Regional College's new Trades and Technology Centre scheduled to open in September 2015.

Apprenticeship:

- \$23.23 million for the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission (SATCC), an increase of \$1.0 million. This investment adds 300 new training seats bringing total training capacity to 7,000 seats in 2015-16 – an increase of 84 per cent from the 2007-08 capacity of 3,797.
- \$500,000 increase for the Apprenticeship Training Allowance (ATA) providing income support for apprentices taking technical training.

Adult Basic Education (ABE):

- \$25.62 million to provide foundational skills training for Saskatchewan people - an increase of \$600,000 and 200 training seats in the ABE program for an estimated program capacity of 8,780 seats - an increase of 49 per cent from the 2007-08 capacity of 5,880.

Provincial Training Allowance

- \$32.017 million for Provincial Training Allowance (PTA), an increase of \$1.0 million, providing support for learners accessing the new ABE seats.

Employment Development

- \$23.99 million to support a variety of third party programs and services to help people to prepare for, obtain, and maintain employment.
 - \$150,000 increased funding will support an expansion of contracted pre-employment and employment services.

Canada Saskatchewan Job Grant

- \$4.0 million – a \$2.0 million increase - for an employer driven program to:
 - Upskill unemployed and under-employed Canadians for available jobs; and
 - Address skill mismatches between the labour force and job opportunities.

Employability Assistance for People with Disabilities (EAPD)

- \$10.14 million, an increase of \$200,000, to address disability-related obstacles to education, training or employment.

Essential skills training and employment opportunities for First Nations and Métis (FNM) people

- \$30.84 million in labour market supports for First Nations and Métis initiatives in 2015-16, as compared to \$29.70 million in 2014-15.
- This funding supports programs and partnerships with training institutions and CBO's to increase aboriginal participation and success in the labour force:
 - \$10.72 million for Adult Basic Education (on and off reserve)
 - \$7.71 million for Employment Development programs including Construction Careers
 - \$7.15 million for Provincial Training Allowance
 - \$3.9 million for Skills Training
 - \$1 million for Apprenticeship Training
 - \$360,000 for the Northern Health Sector Training Initiative.

Reduction to Offset Additional Funding:

Skills Training Benefits (STB)

- \$2.5 million reduction reflecting lower historical program utilization. This funding will be reallocated for the apprenticeship program as well as the Canada Saskatchewan Job Grant, both of which are 100 per cent eligible for federal contributions from the Labour Market Development Agreement and the Canada Saskatchewan Job Fund Agreement respectively.