



June 2, 2011

Subject: Changes to TSD Funding

Dear Apprentice:

This letter is to advise of the upcoming changes to funding available to apprentices through the Training and Skills Development (TSD) Program. Apprentices receive TSD funding for tuition, textbooks, child care and living expenses to assist with the costs associated with attending block release training. An apprentice is eligible to access these funds based on their eligibility to receive employment insurance from the federal government. Recently, a number of changes to the TSD Program have been introduced.

For block training commencing after August 1, 2011:

- TSD will no longer provide assistance for the \$200 tuition;
- The TSD contribution for room and board will be based on the needs of the apprentice, to a maximum of \$100/week; and
- The TSD contribution for travel costs will be based on the needs of the apprentice, to a maximum of \$100/week.

Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification is dedicated to the support and advancement of apprentices and continues to offer record amounts of block release training in the province. We hope that you will continue to invest in your education and pursue your Certificate of Qualification and Diploma of Apprenticeship.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please contact your Apprenticeship Counsellor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Mills".

Daniel Mills  
Director  
Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification

