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MEMORANDUM TO: Employment Ontario Network

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SUBJECT: Important Update Regarding the Canadian GED

We are writing to provide an update on the Canadian version of the GED which is currently in use in Ontario.

The General Educational Development (GED)® test allows adults who have not finished secondary school the opportunity to earn an Ontario High School Equivalency Certificate signed by the Minister of Education. TVO ILC is Ontario's sole provider of the GED test. Information about the GED is available through TVO.

The current Canadian version of the GED will continue to be available until Spring 2024 and will continue to be a viable way to earn a high school equivalency certificate in Ontario. See GED.ilc.org for important information and dates. Candidates must register to write the GED by January 31, 2024, and must schedule their test dates by March 31, 2024, based on a decision by Pearson Vue GED Testing Service (GEDTS) to no longer provide the testing service in Canada.

Adult learners can also access Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) through school boards to earn their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

The ministry is also working with other Canadian jurisdictions and TVO, Ontario's sole provider of the GED test, regarding possible future opportunities. More information will be available in the future.

Sincerely,

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