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Memorandum

To: Ontario Bridge Training Program Service Delivery Partners

From: Yvonne Ferrer, Director, Settlement Services Branch

Date: **October 31, 2024**

Subject: **CFP RELEASE - 2024 Ontario Bridge Training Program (OBTP)**

I am pleased to inform you that the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development (MLITSD) has released a Call for Proposals for the Ontario Bridge Training Program (OBTP) for delivery of occupation-specific training, employment supports and licensure preparation to support the successful labour market integration of internationally trained newcomers.

The deadline for submission of applications is at 5:00pm EST on December 12th, 2024.

The 2024 OBTP Call for Proposals includes program design changes designed to reach more clients, improve performance, and expand programming in high-demand occupations in support of skilled newcomers, employers, and regulated professions.

Key features of the 2024 CFP include:

- Successful projects for the upcoming funding cycle will begin on April 1, 2025, and be funded for up to two years (2025-26 and 2026-27).
- Focus on high-demand sectors to align with Ontario's labour market needs and immigration policy priorities.
- Mandatory program components include stronger focus on partnerships with employers and regulated professions and provision of occupation-specific

training and assistance to clients to navigate registration processes in regulated professions and compulsory trades.

- Expansion of client eligibility criteria to include Provincial Nominees and temporary residents with a clear pathway to permanent residency.
- Changes to educational and language requirements to align with industry standards and diverse requirements for registration established by regulated professions.
- Integration of OBPAP into OBTP Transfer Payment Agreements to align funding cycles with program timelines and reduce administrative burdens.

Applicants can apply for more than one funding opportunity to deliver programming under one or both direct service streams:

- Getting a Job – Projects that deliver occupation-specific training and employment supports to help internationally trained newcomers obtain commensurate employment in regulated occupations or non-regulated occupations.
- Getting a License – Projects that deliver training and employment supports to help internationally trained newcomers obtain licensure or certification to practice in regulated occupations and find commensurate employment in their field of training.

Please consult the **CFP Application Guidelines** to learn about what is new for the 2024 CFP and application requirements.

Application Process

For details about how to apply to the 2024 CFP, please visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government>, and look for 'Ontario Bridge Training Program' in the list of available funding opportunities. Download the Application Guidelines to assist you in developing your proposal. Please note that all applications must be submitted electronically through Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON). Applicants who are new to TPON will need to create a My Ontario Account and then register for TPON.

Important instructions: Applicants must submit a separate application on Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) for each project they propose to deliver. Please complete all fields of the application form that are applicable to your stream.

For any technical support regarding the application, please contact TPON at TPONCC@ontario.ca or 1-855-216-3090.

Questions and Information Sessions

For questions regarding the CFP, please email SettlementAndIntegrationPrograms@ontario.ca with a subject heading: “**OBTP CFP**”.

The Ministry will compile all questions received and provide answers as per timelines stipulated in the **CFP Application Guidelines**.

The Ministry will also be hosting two live information sessions to provide support through the application process and to answer any outstanding questions. One session will be bilingual (offered in both French and English). The details of the meetings are outlined below:

	Session 1 (English)	Session 2 (French and English)
Date	November 5, 2024	November 7, 2024
Time	11:00-11:45 AM	2:30-3:30 PM
Microsoft Teams Meeting ID and Password	Meeting ID: 299 753 088 098 Passcode: m6C7pi	Meeting ID: 229 786 331 463 Passcode: GRn2Y5

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that the Ontario Bridge Training Program and the Ontario Bridging Participant Assistance Program will be transitioning to the Global Talent and Settlement Services Division (GTSSD) within MLITSD starting April 1, 2025. This transition is an important step towards integrating and streamlining the Ministry’s suite of newcomer targeted programs and ensuring alignment between immigration policy and newcomer integration services.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to supporting the labour integration of newcomers in Ontario.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Ferrer
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