

## **Apprenticeship Program Update:**

### **Changes to Apprenticeship Program delivery in Ontario**

Attention: OYAP Provider / OYAP Recruiter / OYAP Supervisory Officer

We are writing to provide you with an update on the skilled trades and apprenticeship system.

Effective April 2, 2025, the ministry will transfer the following functions to Skilled Trades Ontario (STO): apprenticeship program registration and completion, authorizing sponsors, exam administration and issuance of Certificates of Apprenticeship.

The ministry will continue to have responsibility for the administration of Apprenticeship and Skilled Trades program funding and supports, and in-class training delivery, including:

- Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program and Pre-apprenticeship Program
- Training Delivery Agent transfer payment agreement management (In-Class Enhancement Fund and Apprenticeship Capital Grant)
- Client and sponsor financial support administration

### **What this means for the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP):**

Beginning April 2, 2025, Skilled Trades Ontario (STO) will oversee the registration of OYAP participants as apprentices. Shortly, updated Registration Guidelines including new processes and procedures for working with STO on the registration of training agreements for OYAP participants will be provided through the [Employment Ontario Partners Gateway \(EOPG\)](#). These new processes and procedures will be effective as of April 2, 2025.

### **All other OYAP responsibilities will remain with the ministry.**

OYAP recruiters will continue to liaise with their ministry contact regarding the administration of the OYAP program and matters pertaining to the transfer payment agreements, including financial elements.

Both the ministry and STO are committed to making this transition as smooth and seamless as possible for all apprentices, sponsors, and stakeholders.

Additional information and updates will be provided as they become available. We encourage you to visit the [STO website](#) regularly for the latest updates on apprenticeship, and the [EOPG](#) for OYAP specific updates.

Thank you for your commitment to OYAP, and for helping students begin a rewarding career in the skilled trades.

If you have any questions, please contact your Employment and Training Consultant (ETC) responsible for managing your OYAP agreement.

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