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Ministry Business Plan Advanced Education

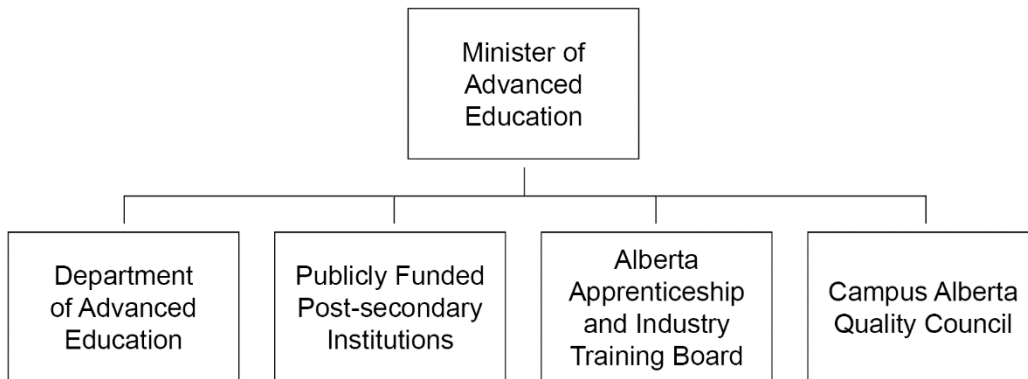
Advanced Education

Business Plan 2021-24

Ministry Fact Sheet – Mandate and Structure

Advanced Education supports Albertans by providing the education and training opportunities they need to prepare for the workforce. The Ministry works closely with post-secondary institutions, private post-secondary providers, and community learning providers to support adult learning, provide learning opportunities, and enhance the adult learning system. It also supports the delivery of apprenticeship education that meets the needs of apprentices and industry, provides financial supports to help students supplement their investment in post-secondary education, and supports adult Albertans’ access to foundational learning opportunities that will prepare them for further education, training, and employment. Through Advanced Education’s investments in people, infrastructure and research capacity, the post-secondary sector helps drive job creation, innovation, and the development of skilled and adaptive workers who contribute to a competitive Alberta economy.

The Ministry of Advanced Education consists of:



A more detailed description of Advanced Education and its programs and initiatives can be found at: <https://www.alberta.ca/advanced-education.aspx>

The Ministry of Advanced Education continues to review programs to ensure Albertans receive efficient and client-focused services from their government. As part of this ongoing review, the ministry is committed to making life easier for hard-working Albertans and job creators by reducing regulatory requirements by one-third by 2023, and eliminating administrative burden through more efficient processes. This work will improve service delivery for Albertans; foster economic growth, innovation and competitiveness; and create a strong and attractive investment climate.

Ministry business plans should be considered in conjunction with all budget documents – including the Fiscal Plan, Government Strategic Plan, and Estimates – which work together to provide a complete overview of government’s commitment to responsible fiscal management.

Business Plan – Core

Outcome 1

Albertans have the education and skills required to secure rewarding careers in the current and future labour market, and to drive Alberta’s recovery and prosperity

Through high-quality post-secondary education, including expanded and strengthened apprenticeship opportunities, Albertans build the knowledge, skills and competencies needed for respected, well-paying careers that contribute to economic growth and diversification. Advanced Education is committed to working with employers, learning providers and other stakeholders to ensure Albertans have the lifelong skills, knowledge and competencies they need to excel.

Key Objectives

- 1.1 Strengthen the alignment of post-secondary programs to employment and meet Albertans’ skills development needs to support their transition to the labour market.
- 1.2 Expand the apprenticeship model to increase learning opportunities to meet labour demands.

Initiatives Supporting Key Objectives

- In partnership with Mitacs (a nonprofit national research organization), post-secondary institutions and employers, Advanced Education will invest \$15 million over three years to support 1,275 internship opportunities annually to enhance work-integrated learning for students and researchers.
- In 2021-22, government will allocate \$192 million in student aid through scholarships, grants and awards as well as \$731 million through student loans to help Albertans benefit from adult learning opportunities.

Performance Metrics

1.a **Performance Indicator: Percentage of post-secondary graduates who report being employed approximately two years after graduation** (This metric describes the employment rate of recent post-secondary graduates who are in the labour force and not enrolled as full-time students. Results are collected from a biennial survey of graduates from publicly funded post-secondary institutions in Alberta.)

2012	2014	2016	2018	2020
96%	94%	92%	93%	93%

1.b **Performance Indicator: Percentage of apprentices surveyed between 5 and 18 months after graduation who report being employed** (This metric describes the proportion of recent apprenticeship graduates in the labour force who are employed. Results are collected from a biennial survey of apprenticeship graduates in Alberta. The survey in 2015 was delayed by one year to 2016 in order to conduct a full review of the survey.)

2011	2013	2016	2018	2020
95%	96%	88%	87%	90%

Outcome 2

Alberta’s adult learning system is efficient, financially sustainable and globally competitive

Alberta taxpayers make a significant investment in Alberta’s post-secondary system and expect it to be responsible and accountable for value of investment. Advanced Education will work with the post-secondary system to drive transformation, focusing on cost and performance, and to provide post-secondary institutions with the flexibility and freedom they need to innovate and compete so that institutions will attract students, faculty and research investment from around the world, enhancing the adult learning system’s contribution to Alberta’s workforce and economy.

Key Objectives

- 2.1 Reduce red tape on post-secondary providers, learners, and industry by evaluating and realigning their relationship with government to improve system outcomes, streamlining the program approval process to enhance timely programming that meets learner needs, and increasing digital services to enhance efficiency and stakeholder experience.
- 2.2 Work with post-secondary institutions, industry, students and other stakeholders to finalize and implement recommendations from the Alberta 2030: Building Skills for Jobs strategy.
- 2.3 Develop and implement an equitable and sustainable investment framework, including an outcomes-based funding model.
- 2.4 Strengthen post-secondary research commercialization and investment attraction, and attract qualified international students who remain in Alberta and contribute to the economy.

Initiatives Supporting Key Objectives

- Through the Operating and Program Support Grant, the ministry will invest \$1.9 billion in operational funding in fiscal 2021-22 for post-secondary institutions.

Performance Metrics

2.a Performance Measure: Total domestic learners enrolled in approved programs offered by Alberta’s publicly funded post-secondary institutions (Results also include apprentices enrolled in the technical training portion of their apprenticeship program at a publicly funded post-secondary institution.)

This measure shows the ministry’s continuing commitment to ensuring accessibility for domestic learners. Targets are set to maintain and increase domestic enrolment based on the 2019-20 level.

In 2019-20, 235,422 unique domestic learners enrolled in approved programs at Alberta’s publicly funded post-secondary institutions.

Targets	2021-22	235,422	2022-23	235,422+	2023-24	235,422+
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2.b Performance Measure: Provincial grants as a proportion of the total revenue of Alberta’s publicly funded universities and degree-granting colleges (Results are collected from Statistics Canada. A representative sample of nine publicly funded universities and degree-granting colleges are included based on the methodology.)

This measure speaks to the goal of achieving financial sustainability for the post-secondary system. Targets are set to reduce institutions’ reliance on provincial grants as their source of revenue.

In 2018-19, provincial grants represented 46% of the total revenue for Alberta’s publicly funded universities and degree-granting colleges. This result was higher than British Columbia (34%) and Ontario (25%).

Targets	2021-22	45%	2022-23	40%	2023-24	36%
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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable					
	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Budget	2020-21 Forecast	2021-22 Estimate	2022-23 Target	2023-24 Target
REVENUE						
Internal Government Transfers	287,762	267,908	260,288	267,907	267,907	267,907
Transfers from Government of Canada	413,043	494,431	472,663	487,946	503,293	495,478
Transfer from Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund	49,997	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
Labour Market Development	135,352	155,382	154,382	168,281	168,281	168,281
Investment Income	239,115	288,080	229,580	270,539	286,082	296,770
Premiums, Fees and Licences	3,854	3,938	3,938	3,918	3,958	3,958
Tuition and Non-Credit Courses	1,311,199	1,459,534	1,369,451	1,474,874	1,575,448	1,643,857
Donations, Grants and Contributions	385,291	360,352	300,886	327,550	351,111	357,633
Gain from Government Business Enterprises	5,902	-	-	-	-	-
Sales, Rentals and Services	623,046	684,704	323,378	532,093	575,271	580,458
Other Revenue	136,724	216,410	132,748	143,545	155,768	170,078
Ministry Total	3,591,285	3,985,739	3,302,314	3,731,653	3,942,119	4,039,420
Inter-Ministry Consolidations	(420,223)	(383,649)	(378,032)	(383,948)	(383,987)	(383,987)
Consolidated Total	3,171,062	3,602,090	2,924,282	3,347,705	3,558,132	3,655,433
EXPENSE						
Ministry Support Services	9,165	8,341	8,341	8,067	8,008	8,006
Program Delivery Support	77,306	70,190	76,202	74,115	74,636	74,884
Support for Adult Learning	67,138	74,402	83,102	79,647	79,322	70,847
Student Aid	208,262	186,888	186,888	191,988	196,363	197,830
Foundational Learning Supports	89,351	92,756	78,256	92,295	92,295	93,395
Post-Secondary Operations	5,834,501	5,480,771	5,459,789	5,414,994	5,452,404	5,484,066
Post-Secondary Debt Servicing	41,446	46,578	39,814	38,797	37,539	37,539
Post-Secondary Pension Provision	7,324	(1,269)	(27,401)	(29,940)	(32,692)	(32,692)
Ministry Total	6,334,493	5,958,657	5,904,991	5,869,963	5,907,875	5,933,875
Inter-Ministry Consolidations	(104,230)	(100,962)	(94,310)	(93,586)	(92,333)	(92,333)
Consolidated Total	6,230,263	5,857,695	5,810,681	5,776,377	5,815,542	5,841,542
Net Operating Result	(3,059,201)	(2,255,605)	(2,886,399)	(2,428,672)	(2,257,410)	(2,186,109)
CAPITAL INVESTMENT						
Ministry Support Services	-	25	25	25	25	25
Post-Secondary Infrastructure	554,005	654,254	751,563	653,196	576,084	387,240
Consolidated Total	554,005	654,279	751,588	653,221	576,109	387,265