

Occupational Training Funding Options

Where do I get funding for occupational training programs?

We are making changes to align our student funding programs and streamline the application process for learners. Our goal is to ensure Albertans have access to consistent, equitable funding supports for education and training to reach their full potential.

Alberta Works and Student Aid Alberta offer funding for approved occupational training programs. You need to check the start date and length of the program you're considering to decide where to get funding.

Alberta Works provides funding for approved occupational training programs that start:

- Before April 1, 2014 and are up to 52 weeks long,
- On or after April 1, 2014 and are less than 12 weeks long.

Student Aid Alberta offers funding for approved occupational training programs that are 12 weeks or longer.

How will I know if I am eligible for Alberta Works funding for occupational training?

You'll need to discuss the occupational training you'd like to take with an authorized official to find out if it's an approved program. They'll also decide if you're eligible for Alberta Works funding and recommend you for training. To find an authorized official in your area, talk to a career counsellor at an Alberta Works office, or ask the training provider, or call the Career Information Hotline at 1-800-661-3753.

Your authorized official will work with you to develop a Service Plan that outlines the training you need to achieve your career goal. The Service Plan does not assign or guarantee funding for any or all of the programs that are outlined. You must apply separately for financial assistance for each program in the Plan.

How do I apply for Alberta Works funding for occupational training?

Once you get your Service Plan and training recommendation, you can get an Alberta Works funding application online at humanservices.alberta.ca/trainingsupport. After you complete the application, mail it to Learner Income Support Office, Box 17000, Station Main, Edmonton, AB T5J 4R4.

When will I know if I can get Alberta Works funding for occupational training?

The application processing time is usually between four and six weeks. You'll receive a letter detailing the amount of funding you qualify to receive.

How do I apply for Student Aid Alberta funding for occupational training?

Student Aid Alberta offers a combination of Canada and Alberta loan and grant funding options for occupational training programs. For more information or help applying, you are encouraged to contact the Student Aid Alberta Service Centre at 1-855-606-2096 or studentaid.alberta.ca.

Alberta Works Training Support

Online: humanservices.alberta.ca/trainingsupport

Alberta Works Centres:
humanservices.alberta.ca/ABWCentres

Career Information Hotline: 1-800-661-3753
or 780-422-4266 in Edmonton

Learner Income Support Office: 1-800-222-6485
or 780-427-3722 in Edmonton
Box 17000, Station Main
Edmonton, AB T5J 4R4

Student Aid Alberta

Online: studentaid.alberta.ca

Service Centre: 1-855-606-2096