

What is a Provincial Training Allowance (PTA) Program?

The Provincial Training Allowance (PTA) provides funding to assist with the costs of living for low income adult learners enrolled in provincially-funded programs for full-time in basic education, workforce development programs or skills training under 12 weeks.

In cases where an outside organization provides money to a Training Centre to deliver the program on its behalf, (ie. a federal Ministry or employer), the outside organization is expected to provide income support.

Learners are eligible to apply for PTA after being accepted in an approved training program. Training programs must be approved by the Saskatchewan Ministry of the Economy.

Eligible Program Types

The following programs are eligible to receive PTA approval from the Ministry of the Economy:

- Adult Basic Education (ABE) and related programs delivered full-time (minimum 20 hours/week) by Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Dumont Technical Institute (DTI), Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT), Lakeland College and Regional Colleges funded through the ABE grant.
- Technical Skills Training, less than 12 weeks, that is not student loan eligible, delivered full-time (minimum 30 hours/week) by Saskatchewan Polytechnic, DTI, SIIT, Lakeland College and Regional Colleges, and is funded through the Skills Training Allocation (STA). The program beginning and end dates must include work placements in the overall length of the program if the work placement is a mandatory part of the program.
- Programs delivered by Community Based Organizations and Saskatchewan Polytechnic, DTI, SIIT, Lakeland College and Regional Colleges under contract with the Ministry of the Economy, Labour Market Services (LMS).

NOTE: Programs delivered on reserve will not be approved for PTA.

Training Centres must apply annually to have their programs approved before participants are eligible to apply for PTA.

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