

Memorandum

To: Employment Ontario Delivery Partners

From: David Carter-Whitney
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Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development

Date: July 3, 2020

Subject: **Occupational Health and Safety Training Initiative**

Dear Employment Ontario delivery partners:

As the government continues to adopt [a staged approach for reopening the province](#), public health and safety remain a priority. To support the safe reopening of businesses and to help Ontario's workers safely return to work, the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development is providing access to free online occupational health and safety training through the Employment Ontario network.

Through the Occupational Health and Safety Training Initiative, the ministry will support up to 100,000 Employment Ontario clients to access up to ten online health and safety training courses, at no cost to the client.

Employment Ontario clients can connect with their Employment Ontario service provider to access this training. Employment Ontario service providers will refer suitable clients to the available training, and clients will be able to select from the list of online courses.

For many workers across the province, occupational health and safety training is often required by employers. Costs for this workplace-related training are usually borne by either the jobseeker, the Employment Ontario service provider, or the employer. By covering training costs, the ministry is removing financial barriers to training, enabling jobseekers and workers to acquire the skills they need to find or return to work.

For more information, kindly refer to the associated questions and answers. For any additional questions, please contact your Employment and Training Consultant or your Service System Manager.

Thank you again for your ongoing commitment to supporting job seekers, employers, and your local communities.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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