


## **Occupational Health and Safety Training Initiative**

### **Questions and Answers – Pilot Review**

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## **1. What is happening with the Occupational Health and Safety Training Initiative (OHSTI)?**

Effective April 1, 2021, the ministry is pausing the delivery of the Occupational Health and Safety Training Initiative to undertake a review.

This means the online health and safety courses previously offered through the initiative will no longer be available and Employment Ontario (EO) service providers will no longer be able to refer jobseekers to them.

## **2. Why is the ministry putting the OHSTI on hold?**

The initiative was launched as a pilot that was to end on March 31, 2021. The ministry will now undertake a review of the pilot. Decisions about the initiative will be informed by input from the EO network, clients, delivery partners, and other stakeholders.

## **3. Where can EO clients find similar training?**

Jobseekers can purchase training courses provided by the private training providers (PTPs). EO assisted service clients would be eligible for financial support for training relating to employment, if there were financial barriers to the training. EO clients can continue to access health and safety training courses by connecting with their local EO office.

## **4. What happens to jobseekers who have registered for courses, but did not complete them?**

Service providers should encourage jobseekers to consult with the respective PTP for completion details.

## **5. When will the OHSTI resume?**

There is no associated timeline. Decisions related to the future of the initiative will be made after the ministry has completed its review.

## **6. What courses were available through the OHSTI?**

The health and safety training courses that were offered through the OHSTI were:

1. Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)
2. Conducting Investigations
3. Health and Safety Representative
4. Infection Control
5. Ladder Safety
6. Manual Material Handling
7. Slips, Trips and Falls
8. Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)
9. Workplace Inspections
10. Workplace Violence and Harassment

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