The Skills Training Benefit Regulations

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CHAPTER G-5.1 REG 85

The Government Organization Act and

The Human Resources, Labour and Employment Act

PART I Short Title and Interpretation

Short Title

Interpretation

1 These regulations may be cited as *The Skills Training Benefit Regulations*.

2(1) In these regulations:

- (a) "action plan" means the details contained in the agreement signed by the person who will be receiving the skills training benefit that specifically states time-frames as well as the training and programs that the person will pursue;
- (a.1) **Repealed.** 5 Sep 2008 SR 76/2008 s3.
- (b) "assets" means cash, saving and chequing accounts, stocks, bonds, shares, retirement savings plans, registered educational savings plans and any other similar investments, real and personal property, and includes farm assets and business assets;
- (c) "business assets" means cash, saving and chequing accounts, stocks, bonds, shares, real and personal property, machinery, buildings, inventory and accounts receivable:
- (d) "department" means the department over which the minister presides;
- (e) "farm assets" means land, machinery, buildings, livestock and accounts receivable;
- (f) "insured" means insured within the meaning of the *Employment Insurance Act* (Canada);
- (g) "minister" means the member of the Executive Council to whom for the time being the administration of these regulations is assigned;
- (h) **"program"** means a training or educational program that is offered by a person or organization that provides a program or is offered by a facility that has been approved by the minister pursuant to section 6;
- (i) "record" includes any information that is recorded or stored in any medium or by means of any device, including a computer and its hard drive or any electronic media;

- (j) "skills training benefit" means financial assistance paid to a person for the purposes of aiding that person to achieve the person's action plan and attend a program;
- (k) "social insurance number" means a social insurance number assigned to an individual pursuant to the authority of any Act of the Parliament of Canada;
- (l) "spouse" means:
 - (i) the legal spouse of a person; or
 - (ii) where a person does not have a legal spouse or is living separate and apart from his or her legal spouse, another person who:
 - (A) has cohabited with the person for a period of not less than one year and shares financial resources with the person;
 - (B) represents himself or herself as the spouse of the person; or
 - (C) is cohabiting with the person and either:
 - (I) is the father or mother of a child of the person; or
 - (II) represents himself or herself as the father or the mother of a child of the person.
- (2) Financial assistance received from the Canada/Saskatchewan Student Loans Program and *The Training Allowance Regulations* may be used in conjunction with the financial assistance granted pursuant to these regulations to help eligible applicants gain skills needed for employment by providing financial assistance respecting access to and participation in training and educational programs.

29 Jan 99 cG-5.1 Reg 85 s2; 7 Apr 2000 SR 20/2000 s3; 5 Sep 2008 SR 76/2008 s3.

PART II Eligibility, Application, Approval and Program Recognition

Eligibility

- **3**(1) To be eligible to receive a skills training benefit a person must:
 - (a) have a valid social insurance number;
 - (b) be legally entitled to work in Saskatchewan;
 - (c) meet the criteria set out in subsection (2);
 - (d) be in need of financial assistance in the form of a skills training benefit, as determined pursuant to Part III;
 - (e) agree to and be prepared to sign a form that:
 - (i) states the amounts for living expenses and other costs that are to comprise the skills training benefit that is to be paid to the person; and

- (ii) contains a schedule of payments that sets out the dates on which skills training benefits are to be paid to the person;
- (f) have agreed to or signed his or her action plan; and
- (g) have agreed to and be prepared to enrol in the programs set out in that person's action plan.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), when applying for a skills training benefit an individual must be an unemployed, insured person:
 - (a) for whom a current benefit period is established pursuant to the *Employment Insurance Act* (Canada);
 - (b) for whom a benefit period established pursuant to the *Employment Insurance Act* (Canada) has ended within the previous 36 months; or
 - (c) for whom a benefit period established pursuant to the *Employment Insurance Act* (Canada) is established within the previous 60 months and who:
 - (i) was paid special benefits pursuant to section 22 or 23 of the *Employment Insurance Act* (Canada) during the benefit period;
 - (ii) subsequently withdrew from active participation in the labour force to care for one or more of their new-born children or one or more children placed with them for the purpose of adoption; and
 - (iii) is seeking to re-enter the labour force.
- (3) The minister may deny a skills training benefit to a person who:
 - (a) is not eligible for financial assistance from any federal or Saskatchewan student loan program; or
 - (b) has an outstanding overpayment for a skills training benefit.

29 Jan 99 cG-5.1 Reg 85 s3; 16 Jne 99 SR 47/1999 s3; 7 Apr 2000 SR 20/2000 s4; 21 Feb 2003 SR 8/2003 s3; 5 Sep 2008 SR 76/2008 s4.

Application

- 4 A person who meets the eligibility requirements set out in section 3 may apply for a skills training benefit by submitting to the minister, within a time set by the minister:
 - (a) an application, in a form acceptable to the minister, that is completed in all respects, including the signing of any authorizations and acknowledgements the minister may require;
 - (b) any releases for information or records that the minister may require; and
 - (c) any other information or records that the minister may reasonably require.

29 Jan 99 cG-5.1 Reg 85 s4.

Authorization and payment of skills training benefit

- **5**(1) The minister may, in writing, authorize paying a skills training benefit to a person who:
 - (a) meets the eligibility requirements as set out in section 3;
 - (b) has applied for a skills training benefit pursuant to section 4;
 - (c) is assessed in accordance with these regulations as a person who requires a skills training benefit;
 - (d) signs the form described in clause 3(1)(e); and
 - (e) agrees to or signs the action plan described in clause 3(1)(f).
- (2) Repealed. 21 Feb 2003 SR 8/2003 s4.
- (3) Subject to subsections (3.1) and (4), the minister may, in writing, renew or extend the authorization to pay a skills training benefit if the program for which the person is applying for a renewal or extension is part of the person's action plan.
- (3.1) In renewing or extending an authorization to pay a skills training benefit pursuant to subsection (3), the minister shall state the total amount of the skills training benefit to be paid to that person.
- (4) The total of the periods for which a skills training benefit may be paid pursuant to subsection (3) is not to exceed 36 months during the lifetime of the person to whom the skills training benefit is being paid.
- (5) A skills training benefit is to be paid:
 - (a) in the case of a living allowance mentioned in clause 3(1)(e), monthly or semi-monthly and in advance to the person receiving the skills training benefit;
 - (b) in the case of other costs mentioned in clause 3(1)(e), at a date or dates approved by the minister.

 $7\,\mathrm{Apr}$ 2000 SR 20/2000 s5; 21 Feb 2003 SR 8/2003 s4; 5 Sep 2008 SR 76/2008 s5.

Approved programs

6 The minister may establish a list of approved programs or facilities either inside or outside Saskatchewan to provide skills training to persons who apply and are assessed as qualifying for a skills training benefit.

29 Jan 99 cG-5.1 Reg 85 s6.

PART III Skills Training Benefit

DIVISION I Assessment

Determination of skills training benefit

7(1) The minister shall consider all of the factors set out in this Part in order to determine the monthly amount to be paid to a person as a skills training benefit.

- (2) When considering whether a person requires a skills training benefit and the monthly amount of that skills training benefit, the minister shall first consider only funding the incremental costs necessary for the person to pursue the program that is set out in that person's action plan after an initial assessment of:
 - (a) the person's resources; and
 - (b) the amount of the necessary incremental costs associated with the program that the person will pursue.
- (3) If, following the consideration and assessment made pursuant to subsection (2), the minister determines that more than the amount of the incremental costs necessary for a person to pursue a program are necessary, the minister may determine an amount to be paid to a person as a skills training benefit that exceeds the amount of the person's necessary incremental costs as determined pursuant to subsection (2).

29 Jan 99 cG-5.1 Reg 85 s7; 5 Sep 2008 SR 76/2008 s6

Need

- 8(1) The minister shall take the expenditures set out in subsection (2) into account when determining the incremental costs necessary for a person to pursue that person's program.
- (2) A person's expenditures are to be determined using the following criteria:
 - (a) the actual cost of tuition or fees required to commence or complete a program that is set out in the person's action plan;
 - (b) the actual cost of any books, materials or supplies necessary to complete a program that is set out in the person's action plan;
 - (c) the actual cost of any service or equipment necessary for a person with a permanent disability to complete a program that is set out in the person's action plan;
 - (d) the monthly cost of transportation necessary to complete a program that is set out in the person's action plan;
 - (e) the size of the person's family and his or her particular circumstances;
 - (f) the monthly cost for shelter, including basic utilities, and where applicable maintenance or repair costs;
 - (g) any other miscellaneous costs.
- (3) If a person is receiving financial assistance for a basic education program pursuant to *The Training Allowance Regulations*, that person is only eligible for the following:
 - (a) the actual cost of tuition or fees required to commence or complete a program that is set out in the person's action plan;
 - (b) the actual cost of any books, materials or supplies necessary to complete a program that is set out in the person's action plan;

 $29\ \mathrm{Jan}\ 99\ \mathrm{cG}\text{-}5.1\ \mathrm{Reg}\ 85\ \mathrm{s8};\ 7\ \mathrm{Apr}\ 2000$ SR $20/2000\ \mathrm{s6};\ 21\ \mathrm{Feb}\ 2003\ \mathrm{SR}\ 8/2003\ \mathrm{s5}.$

Change in circumstances

- **9**(1) No person who is receiving a skills training benefit shall fail to immediately notify the minister of any change in circumstances that might affect:
 - (a) that person's continued eligibility to receive a skills training benefit;
 - (b) the amount of that person's skills training benefit; or
 - (c) that person's ongoing need for a skills training benefit.
- (2) After receiving information that there has been a change in circumstances relating to a person who is receiving a skills training benefit, the minister may vary the amount of or cancel the person's skills training benefit.
- (3) If a person fails to comply with subsection (1), the minister may:
 - (a) vary the amount of or cancel the person's skills training benefit; and
 - (b) declare any skills training benefit payment, or any portion of any skills training benefit payment, made after the date of the change in circumstances an overpayment.

29 Jan 99 cG-5.1 Reg 85 s9.

DIVISION II Categories of individuals

Single person

- 10 A person is in the single person category if the person:
 - (a) has no spouse or is separated from his or her spouse; and
 - (b) does not meet the criteria set out in section 11.

29 Jan 99 cG-5.1 Reg 85 s10.

Single parent

- 11 A person is in the single parent category if:
 - (a) the person:
 - (i) has no spouse; or
 - (ii) is separated from his or her spouse; and
 - (b) the person is the legal custodian of an unmarried child who is under 19 years of age who resides for at least 15 days per month with the person receiving the skills training benefit.

 $29~\mathrm{Jan}~99~\mathrm{cG}\text{-}5.1~\mathrm{Reg}~85~\mathrm{s}11;\,21~\mathrm{Feb}~2003~\mathrm{SR}$ $8/2003~\mathrm{s}6.$

Married person

- 12 A person is in the married person category if the person:
 - (a) has a spouse; and
 - (b) is not separated from his or her spouse.

29 Jan 99 cG-5.1 Reg 85 s12.

DIVISION III Determination of resources

Resources

- **13**(1) When determining a person's need for a skills training benefit and the resources that are available to the person, the minister, where appropriate, may consider any of the following:
 - (a) the person's monthly income;
 - (b) the person's spouse's monthly income;
 - (c) any income source mentioned in subsection (2);
 - (d) the person's assets;
 - (e) the person's spouse's assets.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1) income sources include:
 - (a) employment, including salaries, wages, fees, commissions, royalties, drawings, bonuses, tips and gratuities, realized taxable employment benefits, and holiday, vacation, retroactive, overtime, shift differential and severance pay:
 - (b) self-employment, in which case income is considered as income minus operating expenses;
 - (c) survivors, old age security, guaranteed income supplement, Canada Pension Plan and disabled persons' benefits;
 - (d) spousal alimony or maintenance payments;
 - (e) child support;
 - (f) rental income, in which case income is considered as income minus operating expenses;
 - (g) investment income that is taxable;
 - (h) student loans;
 - (i) scholarships and bursaries;
 - (j) all other income received for educational or training purposes;
 - (k) payments made pursuant to Part VIII of *The Automobile Accident Insurance Act* or the regulations made for the purposes of that Part;

- (l) payments pursuant to The Workers' Compensation Act, 1979;
- (m) employment insurance benefits;
- (n) orphan's benefits;
- (o) disabled child benefits;
- (p) assistance paid pursuant to The Saskatchewan Assistance Regulations, being Saskatchewan Regulations 78/66;
- (q) the SES benefit paid pursuant to *The Employment Supplement Regulations*;
- (r) the Canada Child Tax Benefit provided for pursuant to section 122.61 of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada);
- (s) the National Child Benefit Supplement that is the amount C in the formula set out in section 122.61 of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada);
- (t) the Saskatchewan Child benefit paid pursuant to *The Child Benefit Regulations*;
- (t.1) payments made by the Canada Revenue Agency pursuant to the *Universal Child Care Benefit Act* (Canada);
- (u) any other income source.

29 Jan 99 cG-5.1 Reg 85 s13; 16 Jne 99 SR 47/1999 s5; 5 Sep 2008 SR 76/2008 s7.

Assets

- **14**(1) In determining a person's resources pursuant to section 13, where the minister considers it appropriate:
 - (a) the assets of the person and the person's spouse are to be counted, notwithstanding that an asset may be held solely in the name of the spouse; and
 - (b) the fair market value of the assets is to be determined after taking into account any encumbrance, debt or other liability pertaining to the assets.
- (2) When considering a person's assets, the minister shall not include:
 - (a) the person's principal residence;
 - (b) one motor vehicle.

29 Jan 99 cG-5.1 Reg 85 s14.

DIVISION IV Allowances

Living allowance

- **15**(1) The following persons are to be counted when determining the number of people in a family unit:
 - (a) single person, \$1,008;
 - (b) single parent, \$1,350;
 - (c) married person, \$1,962 per couple.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), the following monthly amounts are the maximum amounts allowed for shelter, food and miscellaneous costs for the categories of persons set out in sections 10 to 12:
 - (a) single person, \$907;
 - (b) single parent, \$1,169;
 - (c) married person, \$1,762 per couple.
- (2.1) Subject to subsection (3), the maximum amount allowed for transportation for the categories of persons set out in sections 10 to 12 is \$304.
- (3) Amounts above those set out in subsections (2) and (2.1) are allowed if the minister approves an exemption request in accordance with section 18.

 $29\ \mathrm{Jan}\ 99\ \mathrm{cG}\text{-}5.1\ \mathrm{Reg}\ 85\ \mathrm{s}15;\ 16\ \mathrm{Jne}\ 99\ \mathrm{SR}$ $47/1999\ \mathrm{s6};\ 11\ \mathrm{Aug}\ 2000\ \mathrm{SR}\ 61/2000\ \mathrm{s3};\ 24\ \mathrm{Aug}$ $2001\ \mathrm{SR}\ 60/2001\ \mathrm{s3};\ 21\ \mathrm{Feb}\ 2003\ \mathrm{SR}\ 8/2003$ $\mathrm{s7};\ 25\ \mathrm{Jly}\ 2003\ \mathrm{SR}\ 75/2003\ \mathrm{s3};\ 12\ \mathrm{Nov}\ 2004\ \mathrm{SR}$ $102/2004\ \mathrm{s3};\ 22\ \mathrm{Jly}\ 2005\ \mathrm{SR}\ 70/2005\ \mathrm{s3};\ 5\ \mathrm{Sep}$ $2008\ \mathrm{SR}\ 76/2008\ \mathrm{s8};\ 29\ \mathrm{Oct}\ 2010\ \mathrm{SR}\ 107/2010$ $\mathrm{s3}.$

Child allowance

- **16**(1) A monthly child allowance of \$470 per child may be allowed up to and including the month of the child's nineteenth birthday if the child resides for at least 15 days of the month with the parent who is receiving a skills training benefit.
- (2) If a child resides for fewer than 15 days a month with the parent who is receiving a skills training benefit, a prorated monthly child allowance may be allowed in the amount A, calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$A = \frac{470 \ x \ 12}{365.25} \ x \ N$$

where:

A is the maximum amount of the child allowance that may be allowed for the parent who is receiving the skills training benefit; and

N is the number of days in the month that the child resides with the parent who is receiving the skills training benefit.

 $29\ \mathrm{Jan}\ 99\ \mathrm{cG}\text{-}5.1\ \mathrm{Reg}\ 85\ \mathrm{s}16;\ 16\ \mathrm{Jne}\ 99\ \mathrm{SR}$ $47/1999\ \mathrm{s}7;\ 11\ \mathrm{Aug}\ 2000\ \mathrm{SR}\ 61/2000\ \mathrm{s}4;\ 24\ \mathrm{Aug}$ $2001\ \mathrm{SR}\ 60/2001\ \mathrm{s}4;\ 21\ \mathrm{Feb}\ 2003\ \mathrm{SR}\ 8/2003\ \mathrm{s}8;$ $12\ \mathrm{Nov}\ 2004\ \mathrm{SR}\ 102/2004\ \mathrm{s}4;\ 22\ \mathrm{Jly}\ 2005\ \mathrm{SR}$ $70/2005\ \mathrm{s}4;\ 5\ \mathrm{Sep}\ 2008\ \mathrm{SR}\ 76/2008\ \mathrm{s}9;\ 29\ \mathrm{Oct}$ $2010\ \mathrm{SR}\ 107/2010\ \mathrm{s}4.$

Day-care allowance

- 17(1) A monthly day-care allowance is allowed for each child receiving day-care.
- (2) To be eligible for a monthly day-care allowance, the parent who is receiving a skills training benefit must declare the amount paid by him or her for day-care.
- (3) The amount of the monthly day-care allowance allowed is the actual amount paid as declared by a parent pursuant to subsection (2) and verified by the day-care provider in writing.

29 Jan 99 cG-5.1 Reg 85 s17; 16 Jne 99 SR 47/1999 s8; 21 Feb 2003 SR 8/2003 s9.

Allowance over-rides and exemptions

- **18**(1) On receipt of an exemption request, the minister may approve an allowance greater than the maximum amount set out in section 15, 16 or 17, as the case may be.
- (2) The minister must approve an exemption request before the amount stated in the exemption request will be allowed.

5 Sep 2008 SR 76/2008 s10.

PART III.1

Living away from home allowance and living allowance for apprentices

Interpretation - Part III.1

18.1(1) In this Part:

- (a) "apprentice" means a person who is attending technical training pursuant to *The Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Act, 1999* or the regulations pursuant to that Act;
- (b) "dependent child" means a person who:
 - (i) is the child of the apprentice or the apprentice's spouse;
 - (ii) resides with the apprentice or the apprentice's spouse;
 - (iii) has a gross income of not more than \$90 per week; and
 - (iv) is substantially dependent on the apprentice for financial support;
- (c) "dependent spouse" means a person who:
 - (i) either:
 - (A) is the legal spouse of the apprentice; or
 - (B) has co-habitated with the apprentice for a period of at least one year and has represented himself or herself as the apprentice's spouse;
 - (ii) has a gross income of not more than \$90 per week; and
 - (iii) is substantially dependent on the apprentice for financial support.

 $18\,\mathrm{Jun}$ 99 SR 47/1999 s
10; 7 Apr 2000 SR 20/2000 s7.

Limited exemption

- **18.2**(1) Unless otherwise specified in this Part, Parts II and III and section 21 do not apply to an apprentice who is applying for a skills training benefit in the form of a living away from home allowance or living allowance.
- (2) Sections 6 and 9 apply to all persons who receive a skills training benefit in the form of a living away from home allowance or a living allowance pursuant to this Part.

18 Jun 99 SR 47/1999 s10; 5 Sep 2008 SR76/2008 s11.

Application re allowances for apprentices

- **18.3**(1) Subject to subsection (2), an apprentice may apply to the minister for a skills training benefit in the form of an apprentice's living away from home allowance and living allowance, if the apprentice:
 - (a) meets the criteria set out in clauses 3(1)(a), (b), (c), (f) and (g) and subsection 3(2):
 - (b) submits an application in the form required by the minister;
 - (c) agrees to and is prepared to sign a form that states the weekly amount of the living away from home allowance and living allowance to be paid to the person and the number of weeks for which the living away from home allowance and living allowance is to be paid.
- (2) An apprentice who is not required to maintain a second residence at or near the place where the apprentice is attending technical training is only eligible to receive the living allowance mentioned in section 18.5.

18 Jun 99 SR 47/1999 s10.

Payment of living away from home allowance and living allowance

- **18.4** The minister may authorize the payment of a skills training benefit in the form of a living away from home allowance and living allowance to an apprentice who:
 - (a) meets the criteria set out in:
 - (i) clauses 3(1)(a), (b), (c), (f) and (g); and
 - (ii) clause 3(2)(b) or (c);
 - (b) applies for a skills training benefit pursuant to section 18.3;
 - (c) is required to maintain a second residence at or near the place where the person is attending technical training;
 - (d) is assessed as a person who qualifies for a skills training benefit in the form of:
 - (i) a living away from home allowance; and
 - (ii) a living allowance; and
 - (e) signs a form described in clause 18.3(1)(c) for a skills training benefit in the form of a living away from home allowance and living allowance.

18 Jun 99 SR 47/1999 s10.

Payment of living allowance

- **18.5** The minister may authorize the payment of a skills training benefit in the form of a living allowance to an apprentice who:
 - (a) meets the criteria set out in:
 - (i) clauses 3(1)(a), (b), (c), (f) and (g); and
 - (ii) clause 3(2)(b) or (c);
 - (b) applies for a skills training benefit pursuant to section 18.3;
 - (c) is not required to maintain a second residence at or near the place where the person is attending technical training;
 - (d) is assessed as a person who qualifies for a skills training benefit in the form of a living allowance; and
 - (e) signs a form described in clause 18.3(1)(c) for a skills training benefit in the form of living allowance.

18 Jun 99 SR 47/1999 s10.

Payment of living away from home allowance only

- **18.6** The minister may authorize the payment of a skills training benefit in the form of a living away from home allowance to an apprentice who:
 - (a) meets the criteria set out in:
 - (i) clauses 3(1)(a), (b), (c), (f) and (g); and
 - (ii) clause 3(2)(a);
 - (b) applies for a skills training benefit pursuant to section 18.3;
 - (c) is required to maintain a second residence at or near the place where the person is attending technical training;
 - (d) is assessed as a person who qualifies for a skills training benefit in the form of a living away from home allowance; and
 - (e) signs a form described in clause 18.3(1)(c) for a skills training benefit in the form of a living away from home allowance.

18 Jun 99 SR 47/1999 s10.

Living away from home allowance

- **18.7** The amount of a living away from home allowance to be paid to an apprentice is:
 - (a) in the case of an apprentice whose principal residence or whose secondary residence for the purposes of attending technical training is located in the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District, \$175 per week; and
 - (b) in any other case, \$125 per week.

18 Jun 99 SR 47/1999 s10; 8 Apr 2011 SR 17/2011 s2.

Living allowance

- **18.8** The following amounts are the weekly amounts to be paid to an apprentice as a living allowance:
 - (a) no dependants, \$121;
 - (b) one dependant (dependent child or dependent spouse), \$157;
 - (c) two dependants (dependent children or dependent spouse), \$171;
 - (d) three dependants (dependent children or dependent spouse), \$184;
 - (e) four or more dependants (dependent children or dependent spouse), \$197.

18 Jun 99 SR 47/1999 s10.

18.9 Repealed. 2000, c.50, s.42.

Agreements with commission

18.91(1) In this section:

- (a) "allowance" means a living away from home allowance or living allowance payable pursuant to this Part;
- (b) "commission" means the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission established pursuant to *The Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Act*, 1999.
- (2) The minister may enter into an agreement with the commission to have the commission or its employees do all or any of the following:
 - (a) receive applications for allowances;
 - (b) verify the information that is provided in applications;
 - (c) hold funds to be paid as allowances in trust for the Crown;
 - (d) pay allowances on behalf of the Crown from the funds mentioned in clause (c);
 - (e) report to the minister within the times and in the manner required by the minister respecting allowances paid by the commission on behalf of the Crown pursuant to clause (d).
- (3) In an agreement mentioned in subsection (2), the minister may delegate to the commission or its employees the exercise of the minister's discretion with respect to applications for allowances, on a case-by-case basis, within the parameters set out in these regulations respecting:
 - (a) the criteria to be applied when assessing applications for allowances; and
 - (b) the amount and duration of allowances.

7 Apr 2000 SR 20/2000 s8.

PART IV Administration

Limits on funding

19 The minister may limit funding in any area or region.

29 Jan 99 cG-5.1 Reg 85 s19.

Individual financial assistance limit

20 The minister has the right to limit the total amount of financial assistance paid to any individual.

29 Jan 99 cG-5.1 Reg 85 s20.

Delegation

- **21**(1) **Repealed.** 2000, c.50, s.42.
- (2) Any change in circumstances that results in an increase in the amount of a person's skills training benefit must be approved by the appropriate departmental official.

29 Jan 99 cG-5.1 Reg 85; 2000, c.50, s.42; 5 Sep 2008 SR 76/2008 s12.

22 Repealed. 5 Sep 2008 SR 76/2008 s13.

Prohibitions

- **23**(1) No person shall make a representation that the person knows to be false or misleading.
- (2) No person shall make a declaration or an acknowledgement that the person knows is false or misleading due to the non-disclosure of any fact.
- (3) No person shall, without just cause, fail to attend, fail to carry out or fail to complete any course, program or activity for which a skills training benefit is paid.

29 Jan 99 cG-5.1 Reg 85 s23.

Audit

- **24**(1) A person receiving a skills training benefit shall provide, at the minister's request, any information or records reasonably required by the minister respecting that person's assets, resources or income.
- (2) A person receiving a skills training benefit pursuant to Part III.1 shall provide, at the minister's request, any information or records reasonably required by the minister respecting that person's application and eligibility for a skills training benefit pursuant to Part III.1.

29 Jan 99 cG-5.1 Reg 85 s24; 18 Jun 99 SR 47/1999 s11.

Overpayment

- **25**(1) If a person receiving a skills training benefit contravenes any provision of these regulations or the agreement, the minister may declare that any payments or portions of any payments received by that person pursuant to these regulations are overpayments.
- (1.1) If a person receiving a skills training benefit fails to continue in the program that is part of the person's action plan, the minister may declare that any payments or portions of payments received by that person pursuant to these regulations for the month in which the person ceased to continue in the program and for any subsequent months are overpayments.
- (2) Any overpayment made to a person receiving a skills training benefit is a debt due to the Crown and may be recovered in any manner authorized by law.

 $29 \, \text{Jan} \, 99 \, \text{cG-5.1 Reg} \, 85 \, \text{s25}; \, 7 \, \text{Apr} \, 2000 \, \text{SR} \, 20/2000 \, \text{s9}.$

PART V Coming into force

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26 These regulations come into force on the day on which they are filed with the Registrar of Regulations.

29 Jan 99 cG-5.1 Reg 85 s26.