



Memorandum

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To: Directors of Income Security

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Subject: **Pathways Training Programs**

The Federal Government has entered into an agreement with the Aboriginal Community for the provision of funds to develop employment and training programs. The program is titled "Pathways to Success". In Winnipeg 36 Aboriginal organizations (status and non-status) established a Winnipeg Pathways Steering Committee to oversee the expenditure of the Pathway funding. More than one training program will be established.

The Department has agreed that persons in receipt of social allowances will continue to receive their basic maintenance while participating in the Pathways Training Programs. In addition, the Department has agreed that upon request, participants will be provided with funds to cover transportation, child care and miscellaneous expenses.

It is anticipated that a number of training programs will be established and therefore to simplify the referral process, it has been agreed that information from the Aboriginal Training Programs to Income Security will flow from the Executive Director of the Aboriginal Training and Employment Services (ATES) to the Executive Director of Income Maintenance Programs. The Executive Director of ATES will provide the following information which will subsequently be forwarded to the appropriate District Office:

- a) the particulars of all new training programs;
- b) the names of all participants who are social allowances recipients;
- c) immediate information on any dropouts or other changes in circumstances that may affect benefits;
- d) the results of each participant's progress on completion of the course.

In order to simplify the approval process and to enable the costs associated with this training to be tracked, a new set of SAMIN codes has been created. These codes will allow for approval at the District Office level, rather than requiring Ministerial Authority.

The above codes are only to be utilized for persons who are attending Pathway Training Programs. Existing educational codes are to continue to be used in all other cases where funding to support training is being requested.

Approvals to provide funding under all of the above codes are to be documented on hard copy file.

Requests for funding from recipients whose names have not been provided through the above process should be deferred pending confirmation of their participation with ATES.