



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Trade and Occupation Wage Subsidy Program (TOWSP)?

The Trade and Occupation Wage Subsidy Program (TOWSP) provides financial support to employers to hire and train skilled apprentices and occupation trainees who are registered as an apprentice in the Northwest Territories (NWT). The TOWSP is intended to support work experience and training that will enable apprentices to progress through an apprenticeship or training program and earn a Certificate of Qualification in a designated trade or a Certificate of Competence in a designated occupation. In addition, it aims to encourage employers to hire new apprentices and occupation trainees by offsetting the costs of hiring and training.

Why is the TOWSP being changed?

Apprenticeship, Trade and Occupation Certification (ATOC) conducted an NWT wide employer survey asking for feedback on the TOWSP to better serve the current demographic of apprentices in the NWT and to encourage increased participation of targeted groups.

What is changing?

1. Increase the total number of funding hours employers are eligible for, from 3,200 hours up to 6,400 hours per apprentice, when there is a projected surplus in the budget. This will allow the employers of third and fourth year apprentices to become eligible to apply for the TOWSP.
2. Increase the allowable funding from \$8.00 to \$15.20/hour for employers who employ female apprentices working in non-traditional trades.

If I am interested in applying for the TOWSP, who should I talk to?

If you are an employer whose business resides in the NWT and are interested in supporting an apprentice, visit your regional [ECE Service Centre](#) and speak with a Career Development Officer. If you employ a School North Apprenticeship Program (SNAP) Student, speak with the school's Students SNAP Administrator (SSA) or Career and Education Advisor (CEA) about the Wage Subsidy Program.