

APPENDIX A – EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND INCOME ASSISTANCE CLIENTS

Individuals who are active claimants in receipt of Employment Insurance (EI) Part I benefits or Employment Assistance clients in receipt of Income Assistance (IA) may be eligible for training funded through the Employer Training Grant program (ETG) if prior approval is obtained from the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (SDPR). EI or IA clients who do not obtain pre-approval before participating in training may become ineligible for continued financial supports under EI or IA.

Where an employer wishes to train an individual who is currently an EI or IA client, they must instruct the participant to take the following steps **before** training begins:

EI Clients must:

- indicate on their PIF that they are “currently receiving” EI benefits.

SDPR’s Service Delivery Division will be notified on behalf of the participant.

IA Clients must:

- indicate on their PIF that they are “currently receiving” IA benefits; and
- contact their Employment Assistance Worker at the SDPR Service Delivery Division to ensure that their IA benefits will not be impacted by the training they are receiving.

Additional questions regarding Income Assistance should be directed to SDPR at 1-866-866-0800 or [here](#).