

2020-21 Professional Development (PD) Grant Questions & Answers

What is the rationale for the \$300 maximum reimbursement for any event?

Within Saskatchewan, there is typically an abundance of professional development opportunities that we encourage individuals employed in a licensed facility to attend. However, with the global health pandemic, events may be primarily through online opportunities. This grant is intended to support the professional development needs of early childhood educators, cooks, assistant directors, directors, and board members. The \$300 limitation is intended to assist with related costs for a number of staff to attend events as opposed to one or very few staff to attend one or two events.

Are staff who work with children receiving enhanced accessibility grant supports in centres and homes eligible for the grant?

Yes, all individuals employed in a licensed child care centre, family child care home, or group family child care home are eligible.

Are private licensed child care facilities eligible for PD grant funding?

Yes, based on the list of eligible events.

Will the grant be ongoing?

This PD grant is available for attendance at the approved events from March 15, 2020 to March 15, 2021. A review of the professional development grant will take place when the data for the year has been compiled. This review will help us to determine future professional development supports for the sector.

Can the grant be used for a facilitator to provide “in-house” PD for a facility?

Yes, if coordinating from the Early Years Branch, Ministry of Education facilitator list. Please ensure your Early Learning and Child Care Consultant is made aware prior to organizing. The *Professional Development Application for Reimbursement Form* can be used when submitting for reimbursement. Divide the overall cost of the PD event per attendee, keeping in mind the \$300 limitation per staff member.

Can centres apply for the staffing stipend for evening and weekend events?

Yes, all centres can apply for a staffing stipend for evening and weekend events in addition to events attended during the hours of operation of the centre.

When can the staffing stipend be used for family child care homes?

Home providers who attend events during the hours of operation of their family child care home are eligible for the staffing stipend to assist with the cost of hiring an alternate caregiver. Providers are not eligible for the staffing stipend for evening and weekend events unless they provide extended care. Individuals employed in a family child care or group family child care home to assist with children with additional support need and assistants in group homes are also eligible for the staffing stipend.

What if I am not sure if a workshop will qualify?

Please contact your Early Learning and Child Care Consultant.