# **Skills Development Assistance**

#### Assists eligible individuals who need training to find employment

- We provide one-to-one counselling to help you assess your need for training and develop an employment plan
- You are generally expected to contribute to the cost of training

#### What Services are Offered?

#### **Support Services**

- Counselling and assistance to develop an employment plan
- Information on occupations, training opportunities, and assistance with financial planning for your training
- Information about the Manitoba Student Aid Program

#### **Financial Support**

- Up to 2 years of support may be available for training in medium and high demand occupations
- Support for training will not be provided if you started a training course on your own without prior approval from Manitoba
- Support for training may not be provided if you have received support from Manitoba to participate in skills training within the previous two years
- We will review your request for assistance in relation to your needs, the labour market demand, and the availability of funds

## **Eligible Training**

- Occupational and/or skills training
- Academic upgrading, literacy and/or English as Another Language training required for skills training or employment
- Co-operative education programs

### **Eligible Schools**

- Community colleges and other public training and education institutions
- Private vocational institutions
- Private training organizations

## Who can Participate?

You may be eligible if you fit into one of these categories:

- Have a current or previous Employment Insurance (EI) claim
- Employed individuals who are low skilled
- In receipt of provincial Employment and Income Assistance (EIA) benefits
- An individual who is unemployed or about to lose their job

#### Want to Know More?

Contact your local Manitoba Jobs and Skills Development Centre to find out more about this program.

To find the Centre nearest you:

- Call 204-945-0575 (in Winnipeg) or toll free 1-866-332-5077
- Or visit Manitoba Jobs and Skills Development Centres online at: www.gov.mb.ca/wd/ites/contact.html

Information contained in this document provides an overview of the Skills Development program, although additional program criteria may apply.