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UPGRADING PRE-REQUISITES

WHAT IF I NEED TO UPGRADE MY SKILLS BEFORE GETTING INTO A COURSE/PROGRAM?

If you need to improve your English, Math, Sciences or English language skills to enroll in a course/program, contact your **public** post-secondary college/institute or your local School District Continuing Education program. Ask for information on Adult Basic Education, or Adult Upgrading to Grade 12, or English as a Second Language (ESL). Try to book an appointment with an academic counsellor or advisor to discuss your educational plans.

ARE THERE TUITION FEES FOR UPGRADING?

If you **have not** completed Grade 12, there will probably **not** be tuition fees for English, Math and Science courses.

If you **have** completed Grade 12 and need to improve your grade or refresh your skills, you may have to pay. There may also be tuition fees for ESL courses; and additional costs for student fees, course materials, etc.

If you are required to pay tuition fees, you may be eligible for funding through the FBA short-term training program.

IS THERE FINANCIAL AID FOR UPGRADING TO GRADE 12?

The *Adult Basic Education Student Assistance Program* (ABESAP) may be able to help with some course-related costs.

HOW MUCH WILL I RECEIVE FROM ABESAP?

ABESAP is based on a student's financial need. Students who work often find they are not eligible for ABESAP. The course costs covered may differ from one institution to another based on student demand for ABESAP.

For example, where there is extremely high demand, only tuition fees may be covered. Where there is less demand, ABESAP may cover fees and books.

Timelines for ABESAP applications could also vary. It is **very important** to talk to the staff in the Financial Aid Office at the institution where you plan to take a course. They are the best resource to help you.