



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What does “laid off due to contracting out” mean?

It means that the job you were doing was eliminated, and your old job is now being done by a private contractor.

2. What do you mean by “if funds are available”?

It’s uncertain how many applications will be submitted. The amount each individual will receive depends on how many applications are processed.

3. Will the funding cover the total cost of my retraining?

If all eligible applicants apply, the amount you receive may not equal the total cost of your retraining.

4. What is a job classification in the Facilities or Community Subsector?

Job classifications in the Health Sector include job classifications in the Community or Facilities Subsector.

It’s a job listed in the back of the Facilities or Community Collective Agreements. For example: Resident Care Aide, Licensed Practical Nurse, Community Health Worker, Unit Clerk, Maintenance Worker.

6. Where do I find the Facilities or Community Collective Agreements?

The collective agreements are on the BCGEU website at www.bcgeu.bc.ca

7. Can I receive funding if I went casual at the end of my recall period?

Yes.

8. What is a daily stipend?

The daily stipend is a payment from the Fund intended to compensate you for some of the normal daily expenses you may incur during your retraining days.

NOTE: If you receive money from this Fund, and you received Employment Insurance (EI) as a result of your layoff, EI may attempt to recover the monies they paid to you. Please contact your local EI office for further details.

9. How much will my stipend be?

A stipend is not guaranteed. The amount of any stipend will depend on how many applications for funding are processed.

10. Can I receive funding if I choose to retrain on a part-time instead of full-time basis?

Yes, but funding will be pro-rated.

11. Can I receive a stipend if I choose to retrain part-time?

Yes, if funding for stipends is available. Stipends will be pro-rated based on your retraining hours.

12. My job was not contracted out. However, I was laid off because I was bumped by an employee who lost their job due to contracting out. Am I eligible for retraining funds?

Yes.

13. My retraining program has a prerequisite course. Can I apply for funding for the prerequisite?

Yes.

14. There is a long waitlist for my retraining. Can I apply for funding now?

Yes, applications must be received by October 31, 2009. However, your funds will be held until you can provide proof of acceptance into or registration for the retraining program/course.

15. Can I apply for retraining funds if I am receiving EI, LTD, CPP Disability Pension or other financial support?

Yes, however the retraining funds may negatively affect the amount of income support you receive.