October 9, 2015

Dear [Redacted]

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 [Our File #: AES/036/2015]

On September 23, 2015 the Department of Advanced Education and Skills received your request for access to the following records/information:

In regards to the Apprenticeship Harmonization Project and its objective to encourage consistency in apprenticeship training and certification requirements across the Atlantic Provinces. Was NL’s Entry Level Training discussed with the representatives of other Provinces who were on the Apprenticeship Harmonization board? If so what was the consensus in relation to the Entry Level Training which is only offered in NL? This Entry Level Training brings the total number of classroom weeks much higher than in other provinces. How will NL’s Entry Level Program fit into the Harmonization Project? I am requesting this information from emails, mail and meeting minutes between the Dept, the Apprenticeship Board and the Apprenticeship Harmonization Project.

I am pleased to advise you that your request for access to this information has been granted.

Was NL’s Entry Level Training discussed with the representatives of other Provinces who were on the Apprenticeship Harmonization board?
Yes, Newfoundland and Labrador’s (NL) Entry Level (pre-apprenticeship) training was discussed with the other members of the Atlantic Apprenticeship Harmonization Steering Committee.

If so what was the consensus in relation to the Entry Level Training which is only offered in NL?
All four Atlantic provinces currently offer Entry Level training and plan to continue administering this programming for their respective jurisdictions. However, it was determined that the Entry Level training is not within the scope of the Atlantic Harmonization.
How will NL’s Entry Level Program fit into the Harmonization Project?
Newfoundland and Labrador will continue to offer its Entry Level training. As in the past, the training will continue to be developed by the respective provincial advisory committee based upon the Atlantic Apprenticeship Curriculum Standard (AACS). When a person completes the training they will be given advanced standing for Block 1 of the AACS and all the credit hours that are attached to the Entry Level training. If a person who has completed the training moves from one Atlantic province to another, they will be given the same credit as if registered in their home province. The credit will be given based upon the current Atlantic Recognition of Prior Learning policy to ensure a seamless credit transfer to the apprentice.

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the responsive records posted to the Office of Public Engagement's website within one business day following the applicable period of time. Please note that requests for personal information will not be posted online.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (709) 729-4276 or SharonSeaward@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

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