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Application forms and criteria for Joint Re-training Fund now online

Facilities members impacted by contracting out may be eligible for funds to further their education or train for other job opportunities

As part of the 2010-2012 collective agreement, the multi-union Facilities Bargaining Association (FBA) negotiated additional funding and more flexible guidelines for the Joint Re-training Fund.

Those eligible must be regular employees, who are laid off or bumped due to contracting out, and covered by the facilities subsector contract.

Members who choose to bump, fill a vacancy, or take the enhanced severance package are not eligible to receive re-training funds.

Please check the union's website for details, including changes to the criteria for accessing the fund.

The Joint Re-training Fund will cover tuition and course materials – up to a total of \$10,000 – plus a maximum \$100 daily stipend for each full-time training day (pro-rated based on actual course hours per day upon verification of attendance from instructor) for up to one year.

Preference is given to a course or program taken at a British Columbia **public** post-secondary college or institute, or a B.C. School District Continuing/Adult/Education program. An exception may be made – on a case by case basis – if the course or program is not offered in a B.C. public institution, or if the private institution is accredited with PCTIA (Private Career Training Institutions Agency of British Columbia).

Joint Re-training Fund criteria, application forms and a Q&A are available on the union's website. To apply for funding, submit a completed application form to:

**Joint Re-training Fund
c/o the Hospital Employees' Union
5000 North Fraser Way
Burnaby, B.C. V5J 5M3**

For more information, contact the Fund Administrator at 604-456-7184 (Lower Mainland) or toll-free at 1-877-476-7184.

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