



# Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy:

## Administrative Changes and Improvements

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# ASETS Extension Year

- The Department is committed to streamlining the administrative requirements for ASETS agreements and is implementing four changes for the 2018-19 transition year.
- The changes address issues raised by agreement holders and increase the flexibility of certain sections of the agreement.
- This presentation will provide an overview of each change made.



# Overview of Changes

- Definition of youth expanded to include the term 'all in-school youth'.
- List of ineligible cost items now less restrictive.
- Capital costs now allows for repairs and renovations.
- Travel rates allow for more flexibility.



# Youth

- 'Youth' is defined as people from the ages of 15 to 30 years of age.
- Eligibility has now been expanded to include 'all in-school' youth specifically for providing broader career counselling and information outreach, and to encourage students to complete their schooling.
- Therefore, students younger than 15 years of age are eligible for labour market awareness activities.
- This addresses feedback received to include a more proactive focus.



# Ineligible Cost Items

- The list of ineligible cost items has been clarified to allow for rationale and specific circumstances in determining cost eligibility.
- For example, honouraria were listed as ineligible however, honouraria for Elders is an acceptable cost; and, mentor wages would be eligible when working with youth.
- Program guidelines now include a principle-based statement and retains a list of costs ineligible under all and under certain circumstances (e.g. costs associated with fundraising activities, traffic fines and penalties, purchase of land or buildings).



# Capital Costs

- Capital costs only allowed for renovations to accommodate clients with disabilities and construction/renovations of child care facilities.
- However, for cases where repairs or renovations are required for buildings in order to be able to offer ASETS services, no eligible budget items were available.
- Repairs or renovations required for the proper functioning of buildings used for eligible ASETS activities are eligible capital costs.
- Since repairs and renovations pertain only to buildings being used to offer ASETS activities, these capital costs are related to direct client support or are in support of funded projects, and would not be claimed under administration costs.

# Travel Rates

- Agreement holders have expressed concern with inflexibilities and inconsistencies in the application of standard governmental rates when actual costs incurred have been slightly higher than the allowable amounts per meal.
- Reporting will be simplified by no longer requiring receipts for meals and to reimburse based on per diem rates and working within the maximum allowable amount per day rather than per meal.
- In addition, an organization's travel policies will be respected and in cases where rates exceed Joint National Council (JNC) amounts, those amounts will be allowable with a justification.

