

2026-2027 ETFO-YR OT Professional Learning Policy

ETFO-YR OT Local will use PL money for our members to run workshops, subsidize the cost of **two Additional Qualifications AQ/Additional Basic Qualifications ABQ** courses per member and support our members who wish to attend educational conferences. **We will continue to provide financial support to our members until all the budgeted funding for this school year has been expended.** New hires or members new to the occasional roster cannot submit retro-active requests. You must have been on the YRDSB OT roster for the duration of the AQ/ABQ or conference to be eligible for subsidy.

AQ/ABQ Funding

This year, effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 we will be continuing with our AQ/ABQ funding assistance program. ETFO-YR OT members may receive funding for up to **Two AQ/ABQ Courses** this school year, as long as funding application requirements are met (see AQ/ABQ course funding form accessible under Forms in the sidebar menu). ETFO-YR OT members may be eligible to receive a \$400.00 subsidy per AQ/ABQ course. You may take one AQ/ABQ course and receive a subsidy of \$400. You may take a second AQ/ABQ course during the 2026–2027 school year and receive a second subsidy of \$400.00. The maximum amount available to ETFO-YR OT members for AQ/ABQ subsidies is \$800.00.

Members taking Masters or Doctorate AQ's could have a one time reimbursement of \$800.00 instead of 2 at \$400.00 depending on the cost of tuition. Please contact professional-learning@etfo-yr-ot.ca

ETFO-YR OT Local shall not provide funding assistance to members for programs sponsored or run by the Ontario Principals' Council (OPC)

Please direct any funding enquiries to professional-learning@etfo-yr-ot.ca

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP FUNDING

- For the 2026-2027 school year, ETFO-YR OT members will have a maximum of **\$300** (pending pre-approval) to attend educational conferences or workshops of their choosing. You can apply for conference/workshop funding with the understanding that the reimbursement will be capped at \$300.00.
- ETFO-YR OT members must **FIRST** get pre-approval for the conference/workshop and only after successful attendance and participation will they get reimbursed.
- Conference/Workshop funding subsidies will **ONLY** be applicable for the cost of registration; we cannot offer subsidy for hotel accommodations, transportation or supply coverage.
- Pre-approval forms as well as final funding request forms can be located on our website under **"Forms"** in the sidebar menu.
- Please direct any funding enquiries to professional-learning@etfo-yr-ot.ca
- **We will continue to provide financial support to our members for conferences/workshops until the budgeted funding for this school year has been expended.**

Workshops

- We are in the process of planning workshops through YRDSB's Curriculum Department for the upcoming school year. Once the details are confirmed they will be available on connect2learn.
- Registration for the YRDSB courses of study is to be completed through connect2learn on the YRDSB's BWW site.
- **If you have any questions about ETFO-YR OT professional learning please contact us at professional-learning@etfo-yr-ot.ca**
- **Please do not send registered letter applications during the summer months as no one is at the office to receive them**
- **Please scan documents – do not send photos or google documents**
- **Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing of all AQ/ABQ and Conference subsidy requests**