2021/22 Continuing Education (CE) Audit Procedures

Date of Visit:	Facility Visited:		School District:	
Lead Auditor:	Audit Team Men	nbers:		
Criteria	We are looking for:	What the analysis will allow us to say:	Audit Procedures	Auditors Initials
	Teacher Regulatio	n/Certification Branc	h (TRB)	
To be eligible for provincial funding, Boards of Education must ensure that students are: • under the supervision of, assessed and evaluated by an employee of the Board of Education who is certified by the Teacher Regulation Branch (TRB) (Ref: <u>K-12 Funding General Policy</u>)	Verification that all staff teaching K-12 students hold a certificate of qualification as a teacher, or a letter of permission to teach issued under Section 25(2) of the <i>Teaching</i> <i>Profession Act.</i>	Whether teaching staff are currently certified by the TRB.	 Key Documents: <u>School Act</u> Section 17 to 20 <u>BC Regulation 265/89</u>, Sec.4-Duties of a teacher <u>K-12 Funding-General Policy</u> <u>TRB Website</u> Audit Steps Prior to the audit, verify teaching staff's status through the TRB by reviewing each of the teacher's certification classification. 	
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To be eligible for provincial funding, Boards of Education must ensure that students are: • ordinarily resident in B.C. (and where applicable for school age students) with their parent/legal guardian • enrolled in the district (Ref: K-12 Funding General Policy) Non-resident Out-of-Province/ International students are not eligible for funding. Per Form 1701 Instructions.	Confirmation that there is a District wide process to ensure funded students are ordinarily resident in B.C.	That students reported for funding are ordinarily resident in B.C. and therefore eligible for provincial funding.	 Key Documents: As above, and Eligibility of Students for Operating Grant Funding Policy Audit Steps: Determine the school process for ensuring that students and parents/legal guardians (of school-age students) are ordinarily resident in B.C. Obtain a copy of the District's policy and/or school's practice or, if none available, document the full school process as determined in Step 1, including names of personnel contacted. Note: Verification of student residency and district enrolment is included in the audit steps below. 	
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Students in a face to face setting must be in a classroom consisting of CE students only." Form 1601 data is collected every school year at the Fall Data claim period with Principals required to read the descriptions to ensure their facility type meets the school facility type requirements.

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Note: This step is essential, as it will enable an efficient and effective use of time and audit personnel. Note: The organization of District CE schools vary. The ECHO9100 Report lists all the CE students for the district. However, the students may be attending one or more CE school location resulting in their records being distributed. See Form 1601 CE facility definition.	An understanding of the organization, location of school facilities (including incarceration centres), location of files, key personnel and how the CE programs are delivered.	How the District CE school operates and whether it operates in accordance with Ministry policies and requirements.	 Key Documents: As above, and Form 1601 Note to Lead Auditors: Most of this information could be acquired (prior to the audit review) by telephone, email, or through exploration of the district's website. Audit Steps: 1. Interview appropriate staff and review relevant documentation to determine the district policies and procedures including adherence with facility type definition, recruitment; enrolment, program registration; preparation, completion and implementation of a graduation plan (for non-graduated students) and course enrolment form; course registration, and tracking and reporting of the 'attendance' requirement (for 2021/22SY either 10/10 or meeting the OL 'active' attendance requirement). 2. Document contact person and notes from the interview(s) on an Observation Sheet and 	
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Course Claim Eligibility (Number of Eligible Courses Reported) VOTE: Prior to audit, lead auditor will request samplings of district/school documentation to verify FTE claims are in a format which enables auditors to undertake their review process to: ensure the accuracy and eligibility of the student enrolment and other school data reported to the Winistry of Education by school districts and the extent to which policies are followed. (Ref. Compliance Policy) Program and Course Claim Eligibility (Number of Eligible Courses Reported) COURSE' CLARIFICATIONS: Course Definition: A course is defined by the <u>Student Credentials Ministerial Order M164/96</u> One credit represents the value attached to the understanding, knowledge, skills and competencies that most students can acquire in approximately 30 hours of instruction (Ref: Form 1701 nstructions, P. 13), Chapter 3 of the Handbook of Procedures for the Graduation Program and the <u>Recognition of Post-Secondary Transition</u> Programs for Funding Purposes Policy. Courses encompass only one organized set of learning standards. While completion of the course's learning outcomes [competencies] may be over several registration periods, only one course is undertaken and therefore eligible for only one funding claim. (Ref. Form 1701 Instructions, P.14) NOTE: There is to be evidence of a qualified teacher's instructional component to meet the requirements of Section 17 of the School Act and <u>BC Reg</u> 265/89, Section 4 (Duties of a Teacher) NOTE: Students are not allowed to take the same course at the same time during the funded school year whether in different schools or the same school (Ref: Form 1701 Instructions, P.14) Not fundable through Form 1701: (Ref: Form 1701 Instructions, P.13) credit awarded through equivalency, prior learning assessments, credit ecognition, credit granted, tutorial time, teacher consultation and courses completed via challenge and external credential courses. NOTE: Partial redit courses are Ministry approved and must have assi	Criteria	We are looking for:	What the analysis will allow us to say:	Audit Procedures	Auditor Initials
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Work Experience 12A and 12B claims must meet the directives of the <u>Elective Work Experience Courses and Workplace Safety Policy</u>, <u>MO237/11</u> <u>Work Experience Order</u>, and in accordance with the <u>Program Guide for Ministry-Authorized Work Experience Courses</u>...when tracking hours related to the work study program segment of WEX12, each of these four credit courses are only claimed once regardless of the number of reporting periods the student requires to complete the work placement component. (Ref. Form 1701 Instructions P.14)

Definition: "*standard work site*" means a location, other than a work site created specifically for work experience by a school or board,(a) at which a worker performs the tasks and responsibilities related to an occupation or career under the general supervision of an Employer, or (b) at which a self-employed person performs the tasks and responsibilities related to that person's self-employment (Ref. Work Experience Order)

Audit Steps: use the auditor's Career Program checklist for WEX. **NOTE:** also refer to WEX Timelines (Appendix C of the Guidelines) to assist with verifying status of each WEX course claim. (WEX hours not to overlap with WRK11A/B and 12A/B but OK to fulfill 30 hours of career explorations for Career-Life Connections.)

Before undertaking work study program portion of WEX course:

- Boards must establish guidelines regarding conduct, supervision, evaluation and participation of students in all school-arranged work placements
- There must be a training plan of skills and areas of knowledge to be developed and demonstrates student's progress for each of the WEX courses
- Students must have an in-school orientation
- There must be a duly signed Work Experience Agreement Form
- Evidence students are at sites where WorkSafeBC coverage is provided

During/after work study program portion of WEX course:

• Evidence school personnel have monitored students in accordance with Board guidelines

• An educator with valid teaching certificate must evaluate the performance of all students in work experience courses and assign final percentages **NOTE:** Students on the Adult Graduation Program are eligible for both WEX 12A and 12B. Recognition of current or past work for these students can be used for credit recognition through a prior learning assessment but **is not eligible for funding** unless all the work experience standards and learning outcomes are undertaken.

NOTE: While not funding eligible, "A board may recognize a student's current or past paid employment as Work Experience, provided that the student satisfies the board that the employment provides or provided for coverage for student under the Workers Compensation Act as confirmed in writing by the student's employer" (Ref. Work Experience Order)

Youth Train in Trades-TRN (school-age only) is an industry training program for high school students. Through a TRN program, students take courses that will provide both high school graduation credits that are equivalent to the first level of apprenticeship technical training. (TRN hours not to overlap with WEX12A/12B, WRK11A/B or 12A/B nor to fulfill 30 hours of career explorations for Career-Life Connections) NOTE: All Districts/Board Authorities are required to submit an up-to-date Commitment Form for the 2021/22 school year (Ref. current ITA Train in Trades Program Guide)

Audit Step: Obtain a copy of the Commitment Form for the 2021/22 school year and follow audit procedures using auditor's Career Program checklist for TRN and also use auditor' PSI checklist for Post-Secondary Transition Programs (educational option through a third-party provider). TRN programs are developed and offered as partnerships between school districts and **post-secondary institutions**, and classes are often taught at colleges (or ITA approved training centres) through agreements with school districts. Districts claim for student funding with a funding transfer to the college. Students must be registered in a technical training program funded by the Industry Training Authority in order to report students in Youth TRAIN in Trades Programs. (Ref: Form 1701 Instructions, P.13)

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Post-Secondary Transition Programs (school-age only)

Post-secondary transition programs are educational programs that combine secondary and post-secondary courses, and that lead to Grade 12 graduation as well as to help students make smooth transitions to further education or training...Ministry of Education recognizes post-secondary courses for funding purposes if they are part of the school-age students' planned programs of study leading to graduation.(Ref. Recognition of Post-Secondary Transition Programs for Funding Purposes policy). Courses taken in BC outside of the public school system (through colleges, post-secondary institutions, private organizations, etc.) are not funded unless...the course is taken for credit towards grade 12 graduation. (Ref. K-12 Funding-General Policy).

Audit Steps: use the detailed PSI audit steps document – criteria is based on Ministry directives verifying Post-Secondary Transition Program course claims:

• Students begin taking the post-secondary courses that are part of their transition program during their Grade 11 or Grade 12 year and are taken for credit towards grade 12 graduation.

• Post-secondary courses lead to a post-secondary credential from a district partnered post-secondary institution, which is a member of the <u>BC</u> <u>Transfer System.</u>

• District has a current agreement with the post-secondary institution(s).

• Course(s) is/are part of a school district program that is an educational option for school-age students and aligns with planning for student's **specific occupation**. Credit is recognised towards the student's planned program to graduation and post-secondary credit is achieved for the unique curricular requirements for the specific occupation identified by the student in their transition plan.

• School district pays tuition costs for post-secondary courses reported for funding.

• Student annually updates and signs a planned program of courses, **listing the transition program course**(s) including when and where student takes the post-secondary course(s).

• There is evidence the purchased educational services are under the general supervision of an employee of the board who is a certificate holder per Sec.86 *School Act.*

NOTE: to be eligible for funding students must begin taking their dual-credit post-secondary courses, planned as part of their transition program, during Grade 11 or Grade 12 prior to graduation. This means the students will have applied to, been accepted and participated in the post-secondary courses prior to graduation. Beginning the post-secondary courses after graduation does not meet eligibility for the post-secondary transition program for funding purposes.

Student Course Claim Eligibility							
All School Age and Non-Graduated Adult Students							
For all students enrolled in a Continuing	Evidence that each	That the District's	Key Documents: As above, and				
Education School, report according to the	course claimed for	CE centre has	Student Credentials Order M164/96				
Adult Funding Policy. (Form 1701, P.15).	funding is eligible	reported for funding	Required Areas of Study in an Educational				
	and in accordance	only eligible course	Program Order M295/95				
School-aged graduates and adults who took	with related Ministry	claims in	Graduation Program Order M302/04				
part in less than 80 hours of instruction during	directives.	accordance with	 Handbook of Procedures for the Graduation 				
the summer months are only to be claimed		the related Ministry	Program				
for half a course (0.50) (Form 1701 P.16).		directives.	M320/04 Adult Graduation Requirements				
			Order				
<u>Eligible courses</u> detailed in the Adult Funding			Adult Graduation Program				
Policy (as Ministry Authorized and BAA			List of Tuition-Free Courses for Graduated				
courses only) will be funded if they are							

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documented on a Course Enrolment Form and the student meets the attendance definition written in the Adult Funding Policy and the student meets the funding eligibility requirements set out in the K-12 Funding Policy (Form 1701 P.2) <u>Course Enrolment Form</u> (definition from Adult Funding Policy) – A document on file at the school listing the course(s) in which the student is enrolled and the date(s) of enrolment.			Adults Audit Steps: 1. Interview appropriate staff to determine the processes used to identify whether students have graduated from a high school or secondary school in B.C. or any other jurisdiction. 2. While reviewing enrolment or other student documents look for indications of the student's prior graduation status.	
Adults may be charged fees for courses that are not "Eligible" coursesAdult students are not eligible for ELL or Indigenous Education funding (Ref. Adult Funding Policy)			 3 Using the student sample verify: that the student is ordinarily resident in B.C. total FTE for each student eligibility of the courses claimed. (See audit steps below for verification of attendance) there is a course enrolment form (that meets the Adult Funding Policy's definition) for each student claimed. 4. Identify discrepancies on an Observation Sheet and attach supporting evidence. 	
	Graduated Adul	ts Course Claim Eligi	· · · · · ·	
 Courses eligible for funding for adults who have graduated can be found on the <u>list of</u> <u>Tuition-Free Courses for Graduated Adults</u> To be eligible to claim for funding, the board of education must: Pass a motion that it intends to provide tuition-free education to graduated adults in Continuing Educationand notify the ministry that it has done so. (Ref. Adult Funding Policy) 	Verification that the district has claimed only eligible courses for graduated adult students. Confirmation that the district has passed a motion to provide tuition-free education to	Whether the sampled graduated adult FTE represent eligible courses in accordance with relevant policy and legislation for graduated adults. Whether the	 Key Documents: As above. Audit Steps: Interview appropriate staff to verify the district notified the Ministry of their agreed motion to provide tuition-free education to graduated adults. (NOTE: Majority of district's with OL centres would have undertaken this approval process when their first OL agreement was assigned) Using the student sample verify: 	
Definition: a graduated student is defined as a student who completed the requirements for graduation from a secondary school or high school in another jurisdiction. (See Sec 82 School Act)	graduated adults.	district has notified the Ministry of their motion to provide tuition-free education to	 the student is ordinarily resident in BC there is a <u>course enrolment form</u> (that meets the Adult funding policy's definition) for each student claimed the course(s) listed are only those contained 	

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	graduated adults.	on the list of Tuition-Free Courses for Graduated Adults	
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n which the student has Form 1701 P.16) I period AND either: assroom or learning cer s as outlined in the OL A	met the attendance re	equirements between May 8, 2021 and September r- a demonstrated completion of 10% of the course)
	0 Rule Option)		
Evidence that		Key Documents: As above, and	
students are attending each eligible course claimed for funding in accordance with the definition of attendance as stated in the Adult Funding Policy.	reported for funding only students who were in attendance, taking eligible courses in accordance with the Adult Funding Policy.	 Form 1701 ECHO Report 9100. Audit Steps (Attendance): Determine that the students attended (per 10/10 rule) each eligible course [BAA & Ministry Authorized only] claimed for funding. Evidence to support the students' attendance includes: Timetables aligned with Data Collection reporting deadlines (i.e., September 30, 2021) Classroom attendance sheets Electronic data (system logins/outs) (i.e., Attendance Summary by Period, Student Daily Activity form- the add/drop information) Information gathered through interviews with school staff Record of work performed (progress) Verify there is a current Course Enrolment Form that meets Adult Funding Policy's definition and supports the FTE claim. Identify discrepancies on an Observation 	
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	('A	ctive' Option)		
Definitions:	Evidence that the	Whether the	Key Documents: As above, and	
Active Date – for a student in a course is	students claimed on	students claimed	OL Active Policy	
defined as being the submission date listed in	Form 1701 have met	for funding meet the	Audit Steps:	
the Form 1701 Instructions supportable with	the active	appropriate active	To determine that the students were active in	
evidence, which satisfies the Active policy	requirements	requirements	each course claimed for funding by the	
criteria for funding.	outlined in the OL	specified in the OL	activation date:	
To be considered active in a course for adult	Active Policy,	Active policy	1. Verify there is a course plan (that meets the	
funding purposes:	supporting the	aligning with the	Active Policy's description) for each course in	
On or before the date listed in the 1701 form instructions, school files for Grade 10-12	attendance requirements stated	Adult Funding policy's definition of	which the student is claimed.	
students (including all adult students) <u>must</u>	in the Adult Funding	attendance.	2. Verify there is a current course selection/	
<u>contain the following</u> (Ref. OL Active	policy.		enrolment form (that meets the Active Policy's	
Policy)	[- ··· / ·		definition) documenting the eligible courses by	
• A clear course plan must be on file for each			the Active date.	
coursemust link to the course's learning			• for non-graduated students – the course(s)	
standards and/or outcomes, required			listed meet the graduation requirements	
resources and assessment strategies			• for graduated adults – the courses are only	
• A current course selection or enrolment			those contained on the list of Tuition-Free	
form must list the courses reported for			Courses for Graduated Adults	
funding				
 Substantive student course activity or 			3. Verify there is evidence of substantive	
activities must be submitted by the student to			student course activity or activities (that meets	
the teacher. The activity or activities must			the Active Policy's description), for each eligible	
represent a minimum of five percent of the			course, submitted to the teacher by the student	
course's learning activities. The activity or			prior to claim date.	
activities must be clearly linked to the leaning standards and/or outcomes of the course.			4. Identify discrepancies on an Observation	
The activity or activities must have been			Sheet and attach supporting evidence.	
evaluated by the teacher, entered in the			Sheet and attach supporting evidence.	
teacher's records, and dated on or before			Active participationis equivalent to	
the date the student became active.			attendance in a school and is a requirement	
			under the School Act. Boards of education must	
			have evidence of active participation to be	
			funded by the Ministry.	
	SUPPLEMENTAL CLA	IMS - SCHOOL AGE		
Supplemental funding claims for Indigenous	Confirmation that	Whether students	Key Documents: As above, and	
Education and English Language Learning-	supplemental claims	who are being	 K-12 Funding – Indigenous Education Policy 	
ELL (also includes English as a Second	are meeting the	claimed for	 <u>K-12 Funding – English Language Learning</u> 	

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 Dialect-ESD)/Apprentissage de la langue anglaise-ALA. ELL/ALA Supplemental Funding: Funds provided for school-age students to Boards of Education for ELL/ALA support must have all evidence and documentation requirements as specified on the Form 1701 Instructions. Indigenous Education Supplemental Funding: Funds provided for school-age students to Boards of Education for Indigenous Education programs are targeted and must be spent on the provision of these programs and services. The delivery and outcomes of indigenous programs and services must be in accordance with Form 1701 Instructions and related policy directives. Special Needs Supplemental Funding: The students must be provided with special needs supports and meet criteria set out in the Ministry's Special Education Services, A Manual of Policies, Procedures and Guidelines. 	criteria specified in the Form 1701 Instructions, related Ministry directives, and aligned with the related procedures in the K-12 Regular Enrolment audit program.	supplemental funding are receiving service/support that meets the criteria specified in the Form 1701 Instructions, related Ministry directives, and aligned with the related procedures outlined in the K– 12 Regular Enrolment audit program.	 Policy Special Education Manual of Policies, Procedures and Guidelines 2021/22 Supplemental Audit Procedures Audit Steps: For ELL and Indigenous Education services - Review student files to verify there is evidence that the appropriate services are being provided by the CE School in accordance with Ministry requirements. Follow the audit steps using the relevant segments in the K-12 Regular Enrolment Audit Program for direction. Document discrepancies on an Observation Sheet and attach supporting evidence. Special Needs Student Claims (compliance is in accordance with K-12 Funding-Special Needs Policy and the Special Needs Policy, Procedures and Guidelines Manual). For students reported with a special needs designation confirm that a current IEP is in place. 	