

# Mandatory Entry-Level Training Grant – Agriculture Sector

As part of the Manitoba government's commitment to public safety, Mandatory Entry-Level Training (MELT) for commercial truck drivers was implemented September 1, 2019 with a deferral for the agriculture sector to March 1, 2021.

To assist employers in the agriculture sector to meet these new requirements, Manitoba is providing temporary funding support to help cover the cost of training both new and existing workers. Training eligible for funding must take place between November 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021.

Grant funding is a temporary measure to assist the agriculture sector to comply with the new safety regulations.

## How long will funding be available?

Grant applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are fully expended, or January 31, 2021, whichever occurs first.

## How much funding is available?

Agriculture employers are eligible to apply for up to two-thirds of the cost of tuition for each employee to a maximum of \$50,000 per employer.

Employers must contribute a minimum of one-third of the eligible training costs.

## How can the funds be used?

Funding may be used to support MELT (121.5 hours) or Professional Truck Driver Training (244 hours). MELT training must be delivered by a registered driving school approved by Manitoba Public Insurance.

<https://www.mpi.mb.ca/Pages/mandatory-entry-level-training.aspx>

## What costs are eligible for funding?

Tuition charged by the driving school.  
Training participant wages and travel and accommodation costs **are not** eligible.

## Who is eligible for training using grant funding?

- Agriculture sector employers
- Training participants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents
- Training participants driving farm-registered vehicles

Temporary foreign workers **are not** eligible for funding support.

## How are grant applications assessed?

- Grant applications that meet eligibility requirements will be funded in the order they are received.
- Grant funding amount is negotiated and not guaranteed.

## How is payment made?

The driving school invoices the employer for the tuition costs. The employer pays the invoice and submits proof of payment and a final report to Manitoba. The employer is then reimbursed for two-thirds of eligible tuition costs.

Before the grant is paid, employers must ensure that training participants complete the on-line *Privacy Notice and Consent Form* that includes personal information (e.g., gender, age, education, social insurance number, etc.) which is used by Manitoba and Canada for evaluation and research purposes. The form can be found here:

<https://forms.gov.mb.ca/cmjg/index.html>

## How do I apply?

- Download the application form and instructions from <http://www.gov.mb.ca/wd/ites/is/melt.html>
- Complete the application form and training plan and email to the address below
- Do not mail hard copy forms

## How can we help?

Manitoba can assist employers with:

- Completing the grant application
- Information about other workforce training and development programs and services

## For information or assistance contact:

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