
Strengthening the Private Career Colleges Sector

Alberta's government is introducing amendments to the *Private Vocational Training Act*

Bill 3: Private Vocational Training Amendment Act

If passed, the act would modernize the *Private Vocational Training Act* to better reflect today's post-secondary environment, strengthen protections for students, and enhance oversight and transparency in Alberta's private vocational training sector.

Private career colleges play an important role in Alberta's adult learning system by offering diverse learning approaches to vocational training, as well as the flexibility to respond to the changing needs of Alberta's economy.

Amendments in the Private Vocational Training Amendment Act would align Alberta's legislation more closely with other Canadian jurisdictions, stabilize and strengthen the sector and position it for innovation to support Alberta's economic growth. Amendments would also modernize definitions, language, and exemptions to reflect current operations and policy practice.

Protecting students

- Amendments would protect students by:
 - establishing a student tuition protection fund
 - making the rules for tuition refunds more equitable
 - setting rules for private career colleges on using recruiters and restricting the use of financial incentives to recruit students

Strengthen oversight

- Amendments would strengthen oversight by:
 - improving oversight tools and strengthening program and training delivery standards
 - establishing authority to set program standards and strengthening curriculum review
 - introducing a probationary licence category for new or non-compliant providers
 - enhancing transparency by requiring public access to program, licensing and compliance information
 - modernizing appeal and judicial review processes for clarity and fairness

Additional information

- [Private Vocational Training Amendment Act](#)
- [Private Career Colleges](#)
- [Private Career College Registry](#)