WHAT IS ISET?

The Indigenous Skills and Employment Training (ISET) Program is an employment program that helps Indigenous women in all their diversities prepare for, find, and maintain meaningful employment. ISET may support eligible training when the training is part of the client's pathway to employment.

ISET is not a general education or student funding program.

The ISET Program may provide employment services, skills development, training, and other supports that help clients move towards their employment goal. Depending on your individual circumstances, assessed needs, program eligibility, and available funding, eligible supports may include:

- Tuition, required books, materials, and approved training related fees
- Living Allowance
- Childcare and transportation expenses
- Employment and training-related supports
- Job Starts supports

All supports are individually assessed.

Not every applicant will qualify for every type of support.

BEFORE APPLYING:

You must FIRST apply to your First Nation, Band, Treaty organization, or Nation, where applicable.

You must submit your funding decision letter (funded or unfunded) as part of your application.

HOW TO APPLY:

Scan the QR code or go the website: https://www.iset.nwac.ca to access the NWAC ISET application.

*There is no deadline to apply.

APPLICATION PROCESSING TIMES

The average processing time is typically 3 to 4 weeks; however, individual applicants processing times can vary and during high-volume periods, processing times could be 7-8 weeks or longer. Processing times are estimates and cannot be guaranteed.

QUESTIONS?

Email: iset@nwac.ca

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IMPORTANT TO KNOW:

Funding is not Guaranteed

Submitting an application does not mean you have been approved for support.

Do not make any financial commitments based on ISET funding until you receive written approval and a signed Client Funding Agreement from an NWAC ISET Case Manager.

Living Allowance

Living allowance is NOT paid in advance.

If approved, your living allowance is paid AFTER each month of training. Your attendance form must be submitted to your case manager before any payment can be processed.

> Example: If your training starts in September, living allowance for September will be processed in October.

Please have a plan in place to cover your living expenses at the beginning of each month. Living allowances are not immediate and may take some time to process after submission of your attendance form.

Are You Currently Employed?

Speak with an ISET Case Manager BEFORE you leave your job or give notice to your employer.

Voluntarily leaving your job will affect your eligibility for NWAC ISET funding.

Leaving your job may also affect your eligibility for EI benefits which is determined by Service Canada.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

To be considered for the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC)'s ISET Program, you must meet the program's minimum eligibility requirements. Generally, applicants must:

- Identify as an Indigenous woman in all her diversities, including First Nations Status or Non-Status, Inuit, or Metis.
- Meet applicable citizenship and residency requirements.
- Be unemployed, under-employed, or at immediate risk of unemployment.
- Be seeking eligible training or employment supports that will help you move towards employment.

IS YOUR TRAINING ELIGIBLE?

Meeting the minimum client eligibility requirements does not automatically mean your school, course, or training program is eligible for NWAC ISET funding.

Training must support a clear and direct pathway to employment and meet NWAC ISET Program requirements.

Courses taken as a stepping stone to further education including academic upgrading may not be eligible unless they lead directly to an employment outcome.

The training provider must also meet program eligibility requirements. Programs delivered through private, for-profit training institutions are not eligible.

WHAT'S THE PROCESS?

1 Apply

Complete your online application and provide ALL required or requested documents.

2 Assessment

An NWAC ISET Case Manager reviews your eligibility, employment goal, proposed training, and financial need. You may be required or requested to provide additional information or supporting documents.

3 Funding Decision

If your application is approved, you will receive written confirmation and a Client Funding Agreement outlining the supports the NWAC ISET Program has approved.

4 During Your Training

You must continue to meet all program requirements and provide required or requested documents, including attendance information, where applicable.

5 Change in Circumstances

You must report any changes that may affect your training or funding, including but not limited to, withdrawal, suspension, program changes, or attendance.

Each applicant is assessed individually.