ONTARIO TRAINING AND ADJUSTMENT BOARD

EMPLOYMENT EQUITY:

A FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT FOR DEVELOPING A PROGRAM THAT IS:

- reflective of the principles of employment equity to enable the achievement of a workplace in which all designated groups are equitably represented;
- ♦ reflective of organizational needs;
- flexible and practical to accommodate organizational circumstances.

Ministry of Education and Training Employment Equity Office

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MANDATORY ELEMENTS	KEY MINISTRY DELIVERABLES	SUGGESTED BRANCH INITIATIVES	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMEFRAME
EE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE	 fully dedicated EE office direct reporting relationship to Deputy 	• arrange for EE Office staff to meet with your staff for cross- orientation	• All Branches	• ongoing
	 Minister SMG1 level EE Team Leader staff function in areas of data analysis, training, program implementation 	 ensure familiarity with and support for OTAB's EE program and objectives 	• All Branches	• ongoing
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WORKFORCE ANALYSIS AND DATA MANAGEMENT	 procedures to maintain the integrity and security of workforce profile database 	 encourage staff to complete workforce profile survey 	• All Branches	• ongoing
	• 95% documentation rate of all current and new employees	 monitor changes in designated group representation at the branch level 	• All Branches	• quarterly
	 analyze and interpret changes in ministry workforce profile 	 determine rationale for earning disparities and take remedial action where appropriate 	• All Branches	• ongoing

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GOALS AND TIMETABLES	• using current employment equity goals review progress towards equity in all ministry occupational groups at all levels, including SMG	 set numerical goals based on opportunities for change (ie. developmental assignments, new hires, promotions, lateral moves) 	• All Branches	• 1994
	 revise current ministry goals including SMG goals where warranted, to reflect present context, i.e. reorganization, relocation etc. 	 ensure equitable representation of designated groups in all occupational groups and at all levels 	• All Branches	• ongoing
EMPLOYMENT SYSTEMS REVIEW	 apply to the ESR Fund by December 31, 1992 appoint taskforce and initiate ESR identify designated group specific employment barriers develop recommendations 	 support the Employment Systems Review project by encouraging staff to participate in focus groups interviews and an ad hoc task teams implement branch- related initiatives resulting from the recommendations of the 	 All Branches All Branches 	 ongoing to be determined
POSITIVE MEASURES	 develop recommendations for change develop and implement organizational change strategy identify appropriate positive measures, (following analysis of 2 current workforce data and employment barriers) 	ESR project For and pre-employment interview counselling and post-board interview counselling to increase employees' ability to successfully compete for vacancies.	• All Branches	• ongoing

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POSITIVE MEASURES (CONTINUED)	 as previously identified 	 participate in the OPS EE funded programs, such as the Internship, Accommodation & EE Incentive Fund 	• All Branches	• as available
		 create and foster a work environment that respects individual differences and values diversity 	• All Branches	• ongoing
		 implement work and family initiatives, such as job sharing, compressed work week and flexible working arrangements 	• All Branches	• ongoing
		 ensure that designated group members have an equitable share of developmental opportunities (eg. secondments and special projects) 	• All Branches	• ongoing
		 designate a specific position(s) for bridging, job rotation and cross training on a 6-12 month rotational basis to broaden employment skills of designated group members 	• All Branches	• ongoing

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POSITIVE MEASURES (CONTINUED)	• as previously identified	 ensure that designated group members get a proportional share of the branch training dollars to facilitate career development needs 	• All Branches	• annually
		provide designated group members with the opportunity to participate in all aspects of OTAB's operations including decision making and problem solving processes	• All Branches	• ongoing
		 ensure that selection criteria and interview questions are job- related and bias free 	• All Branches	 ongoing
		 complete performance appraisals/contracts which include employee training and developmental plans 	• All Branches	 annually
		 facilitate the development of an OTAB mentoring program 	• All Branches	• ongoing
		ensure that selection panels are comprised of a cross section of designated group members	• All Branches	• ongoing

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POSITIVE MEASURES (CONTINUED)	• as previously identified	 ensure that equitable consideration is given to designated group members for developmental and promotional opportunities 	• All Branches	• annually
PARTNERSHIPS	 establish joint labour/management committee on employment equity 	 identify/nominate staff to participate on the committee or on ad hoc task teams as required 	• All Branches	• 1994
	 develop terms of reference implement new collective agreement requirements (OPSEU) 	• identify issues, strategies and recommendations for consideration by the joint labour/management committee	• All Branches	• ongoing
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ACCOUNTABILITY FOR EE AT LINE MANAGERS LEVEL	 establish performance management goals for EE with all management and supervisory staff monitor and evaluate performance and progress develop and implement incentives, rewards and sanctions 	 ensure all management performance contracts include EE commitments monitor EE progress in the branch and submit quarterly/annual reports to the EE Office 	• All Branches • All Branches	• annually • quarterly/ annually

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EE ACCOMMODATION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES	 provide employment accommodation for persons with disabilities in a timely and appropriate fashion co-ordinate individual and systemic funding requests to employment accommodation fund 	 ensure accessibility to workplace for persons with disabilities implement recommendations of Employment Accommodations Fund project on systemic barriers in Training Consultant positions/hiring 	 All Branches Apprenticeship Branch 	 timely and appro- priate ongoing
	4	 ensure that during the recruitment and selection process, accommodation is provided for persons with disabilities 	• All Branches	• ongoing
WORKPLACE DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT PREVENTION	 implement policy and program guidelines appoint co-ordinator, advisors and investigators track, monitor and 	 ensure that the workplace is free from discrimination and harassment through education and information on the policy 	• All Branches	• ongoing
	report on number and disposition of cases	 promptly respond to and address WDHP policy issues 	• All Branches	• ongoing
	 develop and implement ministry specific communication and training initiatives for employees 	 support staff during complaints/ investigation process and encourage them to file complaints and/or to be cooperative in an investigation 	• All Branches	• ongoing

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COMMUNICATIONS	 develop ministry specific employment equity communications and marketing strategy (building on corporate strategy) implement plan develop and distribute materials/tools to employees 	 participate in developing EE communication strategy discuss EE issues at staff meetings support EE special events (eg. Filmfest) 	 All Branches All Branches All Branches 	 1994 ongoing ongoing
TRAINING	 develop training strategy for: - team leaders - non-supervisory, bargaining unit staff deliver training using MBS core curricula track, monitor and evaluate training 	 purchase cross-cultural training package to be developed by an Aboriginal consultant group provide sensitivity training for all staff to improve interaction with Ontario's diverse population 	 Policy Branch Apprenticeship Branch 	 to be determined ongoing
	 work in partnership with bargaining agent(s) to develop/deliver training related to bargaining unit employees 	 encourage and release staff to attend EE and other EE related training sessions, such as Valuing Diversity and Anti-racism 	• All Branches	• ongoing
	•	 provide input on EE training needs and content of training modules and materials participate in EE and other workplace equity training courses 	All BranchesAll Branches	ongoingongoing

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