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- The government is focusing its investments on the entire front-line health workforce. As such, they will be looking at ways it can support the education, recruitment, and retention of the entire allied health workforce.
- In an effort to place a focus on the entire allied health workforce, the government will discontinue support for the Allied Health Professional Fund as they explore alternate options of funding.
- The AHPDF will be wound-down on March 02, 2020. As such, only applications received up to this date will be considered for eligibility assessment and reimbursement.
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Q&A to Applicants from Associations

1. When will the AHPDF officially be wound-down?

The AHPDF will be wound-down on March 02, 2020. As such, only applications received up to this date will be considered for eligibility assessment and reimbursement.

2. Why is this program being wound-down?

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3. What are the governments future-plans to support allied health professionals?

Going forward, the ministry is exploring ways in which it can support the entire allied health workforce. The ministry will be working with its sector partners in the design of any future programs.

4. What government supports will be available to allied health professional in the future?

The Ministry of Health will be working with sector partners to investigate ways in which it can support ongoing allied health professional development. The ministry will inform its sector partners once this work begins.

5. How long has the government known this would be cancelled?

The ministry has been working with associations since the summer to determine the appropriate process for winding down the program. Participants will have until March 02, 2020 to submit applications before the fund winds down

6. How long until we see another funding program?

The ministry is conducting a review of its clinical education investments of the course of the next year.

Once the review has concluded, we will be in touch with you and to other associations representing allied health care professionals (who were not eligible to participate in the AHPDF) with respect to the development of programs aimed at supporting allied health provider professional development.