

Dual Credit Changes in the Funding Manual

The following changes or additions will be made to the Funding Manual for School Authorities 2017/2018 (manual) in support of the newly implemented [Alberta Dual Credit Framework](#) and [Dual Credit Implementation Guide](#). This information will be incorporated into the fall release of the 2017/2018 manual. Some of these changes may not apply to all school authority types.

Base Instruction Funding – NEW Tier 5

As part of Alberta Education’s commitment to support dual credit maintenance and growth across the province, an increased level of funding will be available to school authorities for **dual enrolled** dual credit programming (where a school authority has a formal partnership agreement with an eligible post-secondary institution). The ministry recognizes that additional funding for this type of dual credit programming is needed (e.g., establishing partnerships, ensuring adequate staff are available to oversee the dual credit opportunity, facility costs, and equipment costs).

- A tier 5 funding rate of \$250 per CEU will be added to the existing Grades 10 – 12 tiers for authorized dual enrolled dual credit programming. This funding is available to public, separate, and Francophone school authorities, along with charter and accredited-funded private schools.
- School authorities will access this funding through submission of completed courses in the Provincial Approach to Student Information (PASI) system. When a school submits for an authorized dual enrolled dual credit course, they will choose the dual enrolment flag (DEF) in PASIprep. The school authority will then receive the tier 5 funding for that course, regardless of whether the course is associated with a different level of tier funding (e.g., a tier 1). Please note, an additional mandatory feature of the DEF this school year is that schools will choose the post-secondary institution they are in partnership with from the drop-down menu within PASIprep. This funding will flow to school authorities beginning in February 2018.
- Mechanisms are also in place to support block-funded school authorities (High School Redesign) and First Nations/First Nation Education authorities that offer authorized dual credit programming. These school authorities will be funded at a top-up of \$59.15 per CEU for dual enrolled dual credit course submissions, which is the difference between a tier 1 funding level and a tier 5 funding level (\$250 - \$190.85 = \$59.15). This funding will be accessed through course submissions in PASIprep as outlined in the previous bullet.

Alberta Dual Credit Start-up Funding – NEW

As part of Alberta Education’s commitment to support dual credit growth across the province between 2018 and 2022, \$8 million in targeted start-up funding (\$2 million per year) will be available for eligible school authorities to apply for.

The goal of this start-up funding is **two-fold**:

1. to encourage school authorities that have not participated in dual credit previously to engage in dual credit to develop new opportunities; and
 2. to encourage school authorities that have been involved in dual credit to develop additional dual credit opportunities.
- Start-up funding will be available to public, separate, Francophone school authorities as well as First Nations/First Nation Education Authorities. Start-up funding is not available to charter schools or accredited-funded private schools.

- Each eligible school authority will be able to apply for **one** new start-up funding grant each school year, beginning in the 2017–2018 school year through to the 2020–2021 school year, for funding to be allocated in the following school year.
- A grant will **not exceed \$50,000** per school authority.
- Approximately 40 school authorities will receive start-up funding each year between 2018 and 2022.

Start-up funding can be accessed through an online application process via the [Alberta Dual Credit](#) web page and will remain open until January 31, 2018, 11:59 p.m. School authorities that are approved for start-up funding will be notified by February 28, 2018 and will receive the funding in September 2018.

School Jurisdiction Funding Rates – REVISED

CEU Funding Tiers

CEU funding is provided according to the various tiers of courses and based on the funding rates provided in sections 9.1 and 9.3.

- Dual credit programming falls within the Career and Technology Studies (CTS) program area. An additional tier has been added for dual enrolled courses.
- CTS courses are funded per the rates in tiers 1, 2 3, and 5 (for authorized dual enrolled courses).

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