



BULLETIN

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Apply now for HSA professional development funding for health science professionals

Last fall, HSA announced a \$3 million Professional Development Fund funded by the provincial government aimed at supporting health science professionals to undertake professional development to increase specialization, improve health care service to rural and remote areas of BC, and meet ongoing requirements for professional development.

The fund focuses on supporting professional development in three areas:

- \$1 million to encourage HSPBA members to retrain for health science professions experiencing shortages in BC
- \$1 million to enhance professional development opportunities for health science professionals working in rural or remote areas of BC
- \$1 million to assist health science professionals across the province to meet ongoing requirements for professional development.

In response to high demand for specialized professional development opportunities outside of Canada, eligibility and funding guidelines were previously expanded to include education and associated travel costs within Canada and the USA, and education costs outside of Canada and the USA. In addition, exam fees became an eligible expense.

The currently posted application form should be used. It covers education/training commenced between September 1, 2018 and December 31, 2019.

Completed application forms should be submitted ASAP and no later than September 1, 2019.

Please visit the HSA website to find:

[**Eligibility and Funding Guidelines**](#)

[**Frequently Asked Questions**](#)

[**Application Form**](#)

Any questions not answered by reading the Frequently Asked Questions document may be directed to PDFund@hsabc.org.