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From: NCLGA Admin <admin@nclga.ca> Sent: August 21, 2019 2:45 PM To: admin@nclga.ca Subject: FW: Our Ref. 116660 - Re: Small aircraft pilot training

Dear NCLGA Members,

Please find below correspondence sent via email from the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training in response to NCLGA Resolutions <u>R17 – More Small Aircraft Pilot Training Needed</u> (Cariboo Regional District) and R29 – Effects of New Ammonia Regulations (Cariboo Regional District).

Moving forward, we welcome your thoughts or replies to this correspondence and we encourage you to add it to your next agenda package for further discussion.

For more information on the original letter sent by NCLGA please contact admin@nclga.ca.

Best regards,

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From: AEST Post-Secondary Programs Branch AEST:EX [mailto:AEST.Post-SecondaryProgsBr@gov.bc.ca] Sent: August 21, 2019 11:55 AM To: 'admin@nclga.ca' <<u>admin@nclga.ca</u>> Cc: Minister, AEST AEST:EX <<u>AEST.Minister@gov.bc.ca</u>> Subject: Our Ref. 116660 - Re: Small aircraft pilot training

August 21, 2019 Our Ref. 116660 Lara Beckett President North Central Local Government Association <u>E-mail Address</u>: <u>admin@nclga.ca</u>

Dear Lara Beckett:

Thank you for your correspondence sent to the Honourable Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training, regarding the need for small aircraft pilot training and the effect of the new ammonia regulations in your communities. Your letter, written on behalf of the North Central Local

Government Association (NCLGA), has been forwarded to me for response on behalf of Minister Mark. I apologize for the delayed response.

Currently, in British Columbia flight training is offered through private institutions and, in some cases, in partnership with public institutions. For example, Okanagan College's Kelowna campus offers a two-year Commercial Aviation Diploma program in partnership with the Interior Flight Centre at Kelowna Airport.

Regarding accessing training to address the effects of new ammonia regulations, a number of public post-secondary institutions in British Columbia offer Industry Training Authority–approved foundation and apprenticeship training for Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic, including Thompson Rivers University, Okanagan College, and Camosun College. These programs are currently offered on campus and do not include distance education options.

The Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training provides annual operating grants to British Columbia's public post-secondary institutions and looks to the institutions to allocate resources within the organization to address student demand and regional economic and employment needs. At this time, the Ministry is not aware of plans among the public post-secondary institutions to implement training in these specific program areas.

I encourage your association to work in partnership with your local post-secondary institutions and municipal governments to explore ways to respond to the training needs in your communities.

In terms of funding opportunities to support your efforts in responding to the new ammonia regulations, the NCLGA may wish to explore the British Columbia Employer Training Grant (ETG). The goal of the ETG is to help British Columbians access the skills training they need to adapt to the changing requirements of jobs and the labour market, while encouraging employer involvement in the training of their employees. The Technical Training Stream of the ETG supports employers to train current or new employees in technical skills in response to automation and technological advancements, or training needed for the successful adoption of new technological systems. For further information on the ETG, please visit the <u>ETG</u> website.

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I hope this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely,

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