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Tewatohnhi'saktha Announces New Allowance Rates

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Kahnawà:ke (October 30, 2012) Tewatohnhi'saktha announced today that allowance rates for academic upgrading students aged 18-25 will be lowered from \$168 per week to \$90 per week. This change is driven by a) the general need to better utilize available funding in light of stagnant budgets provided by Canada, and b) a strategic decision to discourage students from prematurely leaving the youth education sector. New students will be affected as of January 2013, and existing students will receive the adjusted rate in the fall 2013 semester. Additionally, new applicants will only be eligible to receive allowances if they have not been in school for at least 12 months.

Only full time students ages 18-25 with no dependents and enrolled in academic upgrading will be affected by the new rates. Academic upgrading students are those who are working towards attaining their high school diploma or leaving certificate, attending prerequisite courses for post-secondary or vocational training, and those taking refresher training for admissions tests. All students with dependents, attending vocational training, or over the age of 25 will not be affected.

The phased-in approach to the new rates is to allow current students, who already receive an allowance, one year to prepare for the change. Students who have attended full-time study within the past 12 months will still be eligible for tuition and counseling services.

"We are doing our best to serve all our clients within budget constraints, and every year we are seeing more students requesting academic support." said Steven O. Horne, Director of Employment & Training. This change is expected to promote greater adherence in the youth education sector while allowing approximately \$50,000 annually to be redirected to support individuals in vocational training and on employability measures.

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