



October 7, 2009

**Message from Laurie LeBlanc, Assistant Deputy Minister
Employment and Training Division**

Thank you for your interest in the Ontario Self Employment Benefit (OSEB) program. OSEB is just one of the Ontario government's suite of employment and training programs geared to help Ontarians struggling with the global economic recession.

This year Employment Ontario has seen unprecedented numbers of clients applying for all of its programs. Due to extreme levels of demand, we are unfortunately no longer able to accept new applications to OSEB at this time. However, we must ensure that we meet our current commitments to clients already enrolled in the program.

Therefore, we have made the difficult decision to halt acceptance of new OSEB applications, effective October 9, 2009.

I encourage you to contact your assessment centre counsellor to discuss other options available to you through Employment Ontario's network of service providers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laurie LeBlanc".

Laurie LeBlanc
Assistant Deputy Minister