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**Memorandum
to:**

Directors of Education
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From:

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Subject:

Amendments to
Policy/Program Memorandum
(PPM) 132: Prior Learning
Assessment and Recognition
(PLAR) for Mature Students

This memo serves to announce the release of the amended Policy/Program Memorandum (PPM) 132: Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) for Mature Students, which can be found on the Ministry of Education (EDU) website <https://www.ontario.ca/document/education-ontario-policy-and-program-direction/policyprogram-memorandum-132>.

As stated in "2021: B08 Grants for Student Needs Funding" memo on May 4, 2021, EDU is requiring that the PLAR process be available to all eligible adult learners.

PLAR provides a process by which the prior experiences of adult learners, both formal and informal, can be recognized for secondary credit, minimizing duplication of learning, saving the learner time and opportunity costs, and providing them with an enhanced pathway to high school graduation.

Updates to the policy include:

- clarification of definitions;
- alignment with other Ministry of Education policies;
- minimizing duplication of learning for adult learners; and
- improving clarity of language.

School board implementation of the amended policy is required to begin in February 1, 2022. Improving consistency and application of the amended policy will be supported by virtual training opportunities provided in the 2021-22 school year by both the Ministry of Education and the Ontario Association of Adult and Continuing Education School Board Administrators (CESBA).

Ministry orientation sessions for superintendents, principals, designated administrators and guidance staff will be held on the following date(s):

English Language	French Language
January 18, 2022	January 26, 2022
February 1, 2022	March 23, 2022
April 19, 2022	
May 3, 2022	May 5, 2022

Board staff may register for their chosen session (or multiple sessions) as appropriate:

- [English Language Session\(s\) Registration](#)
- [French Language Session\(s\) Registration](#)

Please direct any questions about the amended policy to Pauline McNaughton at pauline.mcnaughton@ontario.ca.

We look forward to working together as we continue to support adult learners in completing high school and transitioning to postsecondary education and the workplace.

Sincerely,

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