

TABLE 4.4 YUKON PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION AND DEVELOPMENT

	Teachers	Early Childhood Educators
Professional Recognition	The Teacher Certification Department of Education certifies educators working in Yukon schools. ^a	The Early Learning and Child Care Unit of the Department of Education certifies educators working in licensed child care. ^e
Professional Development	<p>The <i>Education Act</i> requires the minister to contribute to the professional development of teachers (section 5(c)) and requires 15 hours of professional development (section 46(2)(b)).^b</p> <p>The Department of Education hosts regular professional development for teachers during the school year and partners with post-secondary institutions to make teacher training available.^c</p> <p>The Department provides \$475,000 in annual funding to the Yukon Association of Education Professionals to provide professional development activities related to professional growth, curriculum implementation, and other priorities.^d</p>	<p>Funding agreements provide for programs to close for professional development activities.</p> <p>The Early Learning and Child Care Unit hosts regular learning and development sessions in addition to an online professional development hub for early childhood educators. It also provides workshops on Indigenous and rural pedagogy.^f</p> <p>A bursary program is available for educators for credited and non-credited learning and development.^g</p>

^a. Government of Yukon. Department of Education. *Apply for a Yukon Teacher Certificate*. Retrieved from: <https://yukon.ca/en/employment/jobs-schools/apply-yukon-teacher-certificate>

^b. Government of Yukon. *Education Act*. Retrieved from: https://laws.yukon.ca/cms/images/LEGISLATION/PRINCIPAL/2002/2002-0061/2002-0061_4.pdf

^c. Yukon Education. *Teacher Professional Development*. Retrieved from: <http://lss.yukonschools.ca/teachers-professional-development.html>

^d. Personal communication. Department of Education. January 16, 2024.

^e. Government of Yukon. Department of Education. *Apply for early childhood educator certification*. Retrieved from: <https://yukon.ca/en/education-and-schools/early-childhood-learning-and-programs/apply-early-childhood-educator>

^f. Government of Yukon. Department of Education. *Yukon early learning educators*. Retrieved from: <https://yukon-early-learning-educators.ca/en>

^g. Government of Yukon. Department of Education. *Funding Supports*. Retrieved from: <https://yukon-early-learning-educators.ca/en/learning-and-development/funding-supports>

