

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- ◆ Complete the “Application for Detached Duty” online form. The form is located in the [staff portal](https://portal.burnabyschools.ca/). <https://portal.burnabyschools.ca/>.
- ◆ Human Resources Section
 - ◆ Select: “BTA”
 - ◆ Scroll down to the Professional Development Subsection
- ◆ Ensure costs are correct, including taxes, and are converted to **Canadian Dollars**;
- ◆ Give reasons for attending the conference, including relevance to current teaching assignment;
- ◆ Indicate the dates and times a TTOC will be required;
- ◆ Attach all necessary supporting documents
 - ◇ Conferences with travel should have detailed estimates for transportation and parking.

APPROVAL PROCEDURE:

- ◆ The committee meeting dates for the current school year are posted on your BTA bulletin board;
- ◆ You will be notified of the status of your application shortly after the committee has met.

IF APPROVED:

- ◆ Book your absence, citing Detached Duty
- ◆ Arrange for your own TTOC

If you do not attend the conference, please return to the online application and cancel the application. See the reference guide on the Staff Portal for instructions.

REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURE:

After the conference:

- ◆ Go to the Staff Portal/HR/BTA/Professional Development and select “Detached Duty Application”
- ◆ Select “Apply for Reimbursement”
- ◆ Follow the instructions (Check the reference guide if you have questions)
- ◆ Submit PDF scans of your receipts on Atrieve: Detached Duty Reimbursement

Applications for reimbursement must be received within [four weeks](#) after the conference date, or [funding will be cancelled](#).

REASONS FOR REJECTION:

- ◆ Availability of funds;
- ◆ Late application;
- ◆ Amount of Detached Duty used by an individual (max \$850).
- ◆ Number limits set by the committee;
- ◆ District or school representation at the conference/workshop;
- ◆ Value of the conference to the District.
- ◆ Occurs on a District Pro-D Day.
- ◆ International travel

Information

DETACHED DUTY



BURNABY TEACHERS'
ASSOCIATION

Detached Duty Secretary

Office Hours:
Tuesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

BTA Office
(604) 294-8141
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WHAT IS DETACHED DUTY?

DETACHED DUTY IS A FUND:

- ◆ Established by the Board for the purpose of promoting the professional development of the teaching staff of the School District;
- ◆ Controlled and administered by the Detached Duty Committee, which consists of three Board representatives and three members of the Burnaby Teachers' Association. The Detached Duty Secretary is one of the Burnaby Teachers' Association's representatives on the Committee.

WHO MAY APPLY?

- ◆ Any member of the Burnaby Teachers' Association, presently employed in School District #41.
- ◆ Applications must be created online at least 5 weeks prior to the conference date,

WHERE IS THE APPLICATION LOCATED?

The application is now online. Paper applications will no longer be accepted.

<https://portal.burnabyschools.ca/>

- ◆ Human Resources Section
 - ◆ Select: "BTA"
 - ◆ Scroll down to the Professional Development Subsection
 - ◆ Detached Duty Application

GUIDELINES:

1. In general, Detached Duty will be restricted to Canada and the U.S.A.
2. The cost of fees for conferences, courses or workshops will be considered for authorization by the committee. The committee has the right to limit the number of teachers attending any one conference.
3. Conferences and workshops should be relevant to the applicant's current teaching assignment.
4. The amount of previous financial assistance received by the applicant through the Detached Duty fund within the last three years will be considered when a new application is being reviewed. Applicants are currently eligible for \$850 over a 3 year cycle.
5. Accommodation, meals and transportation will only be considered for authorization for each day of a conference outside of the Lower Mainland.
 - a) Accommodation costs will be based on double occupancy where possible;
 - b) Food costs are based on the BCTF Food Allowance Schedule.
 - c) Transportation costs will be based on:
 - the most economic air fares
 - willingness to car pool
6. The Detached Duty Committee will not authorize payment of the cost of textbooks, supplementary materials, memberships in professional or educational societies, or late registration fees.
7. For courses, conferences and/or workshops that fall in the vacation periods (Winter Break, Spring Break or summer), only registration costs will be allowed.

8. Courses taken for credit are not acceptable.
9. Funding is provided for teachers' professional development and not for individuals presenting at conferences or organizing for conferences.
10. No funding is available on the District Professional Development Day in February.

Applications must be created online at least 5 weeks prior to the conference date.

The Detached Duty Committee meets monthly to review applications.

Refer to the Detached Duty Committee meeting dates, posted in your staffroom, in order to determine when your application will be reviewed.