Summary Table of Key Revisions to PPM 132
Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) for Mature Students
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	PPM 132 (2003)	PPM 132 (2021)
Definition of a Mature Student	"A mature student is a student who is at least 18 years of age on or before December 31 of the school year in which he or she returns to school, who was not enrolled in a day school program for a period of at least one year, and who is enrolled in a secondary school program for the purpose of obtaining an OSSD."	*Alignment/Enhancement:* **Removal of the "out of school for a year" requirement and changes to the year in which a student is 18 years of age from December 31 to January 1, to align with Bill 52 Learning to 18, Education Amendment Act, 2006.** *See excerpt from revised PPM 132:* **"A mature student is a student who is at least 18 years of age on or after January 1st of the current school year and who is enrolled in a program for the purpose of obtaining an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)."**
*Recognition of Canadian Post-Secondary Credentials and Recognition of completed Certificates of Apprenticeship and/or Certificate of Qualification issued by Skilled Trades Ontario	"Up to 10 of 14 Grade 11 and 12 credits may be granted through either the equivalency and/or challenge process. A minimum of four Grade 11 and 12 credits must be earned by taking the necessary courses."	*Enhancement:* **Relevant postsecondary diplomas and degrees from accredited Canadian postsecondary institutions and evidence of completed Certificates of Apprenticeship and/or Certificate of Qualification issued by Skilled Trades Ontario can be substituted for a maximum of four final required courses.** *See excerpt from revised PPM 132:* **"A minimum of four Grade 11 and 12 credits must be earned by taking the necessary courses, _with the following exception:_ at the discretion of the principal, mature students who present evidence of a <u>completed Certificate of Apprenticeship and/or Certificate of Qualification issued by Skilled Trades Ontario</u> and or a completed postsecondary diploma and/or degree from an accredited Canadian post - secondary institution may qualify for up to 30 credits and an OSSD under OS.** **Refer to Appendix 3: for Information** regarding the Ontario Certificate of Apprenticeship and/or Qualification: Skilled Trades Ontario (STO)

Challenge Process	"A student cannot be granted credits through the challenge process for any of the following courses: • a course previously failed"	**Enhancement:** **Students can challenge for a previously failed course**
Diploma Requirements	"Instead of taking the Grade 11 or 12 mathematics course … substitute any Grade(s) 9, 10, 11, or 12 course that meets a compulsory credit requirement for the OSSD. Science, Grade 11 or 12, or Technological Education, Grade 9, 10, 11, or 12."	*Enhancement:* ***Mature students are no longer allowed to substitute any Grades 9, 10, 11 or 12 course for the four Grade 11 and 12 compulsory credit requirements for the OSSD.** *See excerpt from revised PPM 132:* **"If a mature student who is working towards the OSSD under OS has not already successfully completed each of the four Grade 11 and 12 compulsory credit requirements, a mature student must obtain a credit that meets the compulsory credit requirement(s) under OS in each of the following:** **(1) English, Grade 11 – Only the following substitution is permitted:** ***Students may count a maximum of three credits in ESL or ELD towards the four compulsory credits in English. The fourth credit must be for a Grade 12 compulsory English course.** **(2) English, Grade 12 - No substitution is permitted** **(3) Mathematics, Grade 11 or 12 - No substitution is permitted** **(4) *Computer Studies, Science, Technological Education, or Math, Grade 11 or 12"**
Secondary School Literacy Graduation Requirement	"A mature student who has failed the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test and has had two opportunities to take the test may take the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course."	*Alignment:* Now aligns to revision made to PPM 127, The Secondary School Literacy Graduation Requirement (2004) *See excerpt from revised PPM 132:* **"Mature students should be encouraged to meet the literacy graduation requirement by successfully completing the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT).**

		Mature students also have the option to enrol directly in the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course without attempting the OSSLT."
40-Hour Community Involvement Requirement	"Principals will determine the number of hours of community involvement activities that a mature student who is working towards the OSSD under OSS diploma requirements will have to complete."	*Enhancement:* Language enhancements were made to highlight the principal's discretion to determine the number (i.e., between 0 and 40 hours) of community involvement hours required for a mature student to obtain their OSSD. **See excerpt from revised PPM 132: "Principals will determine, at their discretion, the number of hours of community involvement activities that a mature student who is working towards the OSSD under OS may have to complete (i.e., between 0 and 40)."**
PLAR Preparation and Support	No direction was provided.	*Enhancement* Revised PPM provides direction on PLAR preparation and support. **See excerpt from revised PPM 132: "School boards may, at the recommendation of the principal, leverage courses such as Advanced Learning Strategies: Skills for Success After Secondary School - (GLS4O/GLE4O/GLE3O) to help prepare students for the PLAR process. At the recommendation of the principal, a mature student may be enrolled in the GLE courses without an Individual Education Plan."**
Required forms in Appendix 2		*Enhancement:* **Reduction in number of required forms to reduce duplication.** **Boards may adapt the required and or sample forms provided** **Any adaptations by boards, must include, at a minimum the information required in the forms provided in the PPM**