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Extending *Passport2Success*

The Ministry of Education, Training and Employment is to host its fifth *Passport2Success* training programme in September.

Since spaces are limited, interested persons are urged to submit applications as soon as possible.

A free public-private funded initiative, *Passport2Success* targets young Caymanians aged 17-20 years, who are recent high school graduates and who have not yet found suitable employment.

However, applicants need neither high school qualifications nor work experience to participate. All that is required is commitment, a willingness to attend every day, and a desire to improve their skills.

Apply by visiting www.passport2success.ky/apply and either fill in or download an application form. Alternatively, paper forms are available from The Wellness Centre located in Unit D5 at Cayman Business Park on Thomas Russell Way.

Completed online forms may be submitted via email to info@wellnesscentre.ky or printed and mailed to: *Passport2Success*, The Wellness Centre, P.O. Box 10462, Grand Cayman, KY1-1004, CAYMAN ISLANDS.

For more information, visit www.passport2success.ky, email The Wellness Centre on info@wellnesscentre.ky or call Shannon Seymour on 949-9355.

Of the 21 participants who graduated from the third group in April, 76 percent are employed, engaged in internships or are involved in some sort of formal training. Six months post-completion, half of the 24 graduates from group two have secured either full- or part-time employment, while 16 percent are pursuing further education.

The 12-month report for the pilot group shows that 68 percent of graduates have secured either full- or part-time employment, and 32 percent are pursuing further education.

The *Passport2Success* Programme is co-sponsored by the Ministry of Education, Training and Employment, CML Offshore Recruitment, Butterfield Bank (Cayman) Ltd. and LIME Communications.

Sidebar: How Passport2Success Works

Passport2Success is a twelve-week Ministry of Education initiative that provides training to help young Caymanians succeed in the workplace.

Participants receive ‘passports,’ to which stamps are added as they successfully complete programme and personal goals. Each stamp confirms to potential employers that the holder is skilled in a particular area. The more stamps collected, the more employable the individual becomes.

Throughout the programme each participant is required to:

- attend classes each day of the twelve-week programme;
- participate in all activities to the best of his/her ability, including daily lessons, group projects and community industry site visits;
- participate in a two-week job placement with organisations where business relates to participant’s chosen areas of interest; and
- engage in a weeklong community-service project.

Candidates earn a weekly stipend, but it is not guaranteed and must be merited by meeting certain programme criteria.

Passport2Success emphasises adult literacy, adopts a practical hands-on approach, and uses adult-based group learning instruction methods. Participants may also customise the programme to suit their areas of interest, but must participate in group activities.

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Photo caption: Photo by Information Officer Kenisha Morgan

Members of the third *Passport2Success* group got a guided tour of Butterfield Bank and heard about the career possibilities available there.

For the official Cayman Islands Government web portal, www.gov.ky:

Web title: *Passport2Success* Applicants Invited

Web blurb: The next *Passport2Success* group starts in September, but spaces are limited so apply early.