

**TO:** All MUNFA Members

**FROM:** The MUNFA Executive Committee

**DATE:** September 18, 2024

**SUBJECT:** MUN Email Authentication Options

---

Following the Grenfell Campus cyberattack and the continued rollout of Microsoft 365 across University campuses, the MUNFA Executive have been advised that Academic Staff Members (ASMs) are being asked to use personal mobile devices to enable multi-factor authentication (MFA) for security purposes. In effect, ASMs are being increasingly asked to use their personal property to access University systems in order to do their jobs.

While the decision to use their own smartphones or other devices remains a personal choice for ASMs, the Executive reminds all members that smartphones and other “internet enabled communications devices” are eligible expenses under PDTER/PDTF, as well as monthly data fees, as per IB [2013/14:08](#).

ASMs who choose not to use a personal mobile device or buy one for the purposes of accessing their University computers and email are encouraged to contact ITS ([help@mun.ca](mailto:help@mun.ca); 709-864-4595) to obtain an MFA token (or “dongle”) at no cost. The MFA token allows members to authenticate without the use of a personal mobile device.