



WorkBC Centre - Chilliwack



Profile of WorkBC

Overview:

The WorkBC Centre in Chilliwack provides a comprehensive range of services and supports designed to help youth with disabilities transition successfully into employment or further training. As parents, you can count on WorkBC to partner with your family in exploring opportunities tailored to your child's abilities and aspirations.

Key Services for Diverse Youth:

- **Dedicated Customized Employment Consultants:** Clients can receive personalized support to identify career opportunities and pathways that match their unique interests and goals.
 - **Work Experience Programs:** Opportunities for unpaid work experience help clients discover which roles align with their skills and passions.
 - **Skills Discovery Initiatives:** Interactive and engaging workshops such as the *Discovery Workshop* and *Career Intervention Workshop* prepare youth for the next steps in their career journey.
 - **Short-Term Training Certifications:** Access to training for specific jobs ensures that clients have the qualifications needed for employment.
 - **Job Start Support:** From uniforms to essential tools, WorkBC ensures that clients are ready for their first day at work.
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How to Apply for Services:

Getting started with WorkBC in Chilliwack is easy! Follow these steps to access their services:

1. **Visit the WorkBC Chilliwack Website:** Go to workbccentre-chilliwack.ca to explore available programs and resources.
2. **Contact WorkBC:** Reach out via phone ([778.860.5452](tel:778.860.5452)) or email (info-chilliwack@workbc.ca) to ask questions or book an appointment.
3. **Prepare Documentation:** Be ready to provide details about your background, interests, and any disability-related support requirements.
4. **Attend an Initial Meeting:** Meet with a Customized Employment Consultant to discuss your goals and how WorkBC can assist.
5. **Develop a Plan:** Work with the consultant to create a tailored plan that includes career exploration, training, and support services.

Eligibility Requirements:

- 18 - 29 yrs. of age
- 6 months before graduation
- **Persons with disabilities program:**
 - This program provides flexible training and supports to help persons with disabilities find secure work, supplement their income, and engage in the broader community.

Why Choose WorkBC?

WorkBC empowers youth with disabilities by focusing on their strengths, providing hands-on guidance, and connecting them with real-world opportunities. Their tailored approach ensures that every young person can explore their potential and achieve their goals:

- Can apply with their BCeID online <https://www.workbc.ca/register.aspx>
- Career trek videos available
- Assistive technology services referrals
- Wraparound supports (counselling, equipment, childcare or transportation)
- Will cover 75% of wage
- Access to job developers to market students' strengths
- 3-month discovery process

Encourage your child to take the first step towards unlocking their potential. Connect with WorkBC Chilliwack today!

Contact Information:

Location: #200 - 45905 Yale Road, Chilliwack, BC

Phone: [778.860.5452](tel:778.860.5452)

Email: info-chilliwack@workbc.ca

Website: workbccentre-chilliwack.ca

Additional Resources:

- ***WorkBC Magazine*** (attachment)
- [***SD33 Career-Life Transitions Website***](#)



WorkBC Centre



FIND YOUR PLACE

WorkBC Employment Services Centres are here to support you in finding and keeping a job.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Learn how to search for jobs, apply for jobs, and create/edit a resume.

SKILLS ENHANCEMENT TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

Develop job-specific skills to help you on your employment journey.



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FIND YOUR PLACE



WorkBC Centres are here to support you in finding a job and keeping it.

WorkBC Employment Services are available to all British Columbians who are seeking employment and are legally eligible to work in B.C. The program offers a range of services that support individuals looking for work to find and maintain a job and to improve employment readiness.

Your WorkBC Centre will help you identify what personal supports and services you are eligible to receive and meet your needs.

A good job makes all the difference, and WorkBC can help you find your place. Explore new opportunities, upgrade your skills or train for a new career.

Read on to learn about the personal supports and services you may be eligible to receive.

Who should visit a WorkBC centre?



People Who Want to Access Self-Serve Resources

All job seekers can use the self-serve resource area that contains everything you need to conduct a successful job search.

What's in the Resource Room?

- Computer workstations with internet access
- Telephones
- Photocopiers and scanners
- A job board with up-to-date local job postings
- Information on local employers and their hiring practices
- Resume and cover letter resources
- Staff support to help you access the resources available to you in the self-serve area
- Self-serve assessment tools to assist you with career and job planning
- Information on financial supports that you may be eligible for if you need help getting started in a new job or need help looking for work
- Service in a language other than English or in alternative formats, if appropriate and necessary

All WorkBC Centres meet accessibility standards.

Who should visit a WorkBC centre?



People Eligible for Employment Services

Looking for work, applying for jobs, and interviewing for opportunities can be stressful, and it can be difficult to know where to turn for help and resources. WorkBC Centres are here to help you get started and will work with you to achieve long-term employment.

Are you legally permitted to work in British Columbia, and meet one of the following:

- Unemployed?
- Have a disability?

Are you employed or self-employed in a job that:

- Is unlikely to continue long-term and has irregular hours of work (e.g., casual work, on-call work)?
- Has unreliable pay (e.g., piecework, commission) that does not provide enough income to support you or your family?

WorkBC offers many options that can support you to find and maintain a job and to improve your employment readiness.



WHAT TO EXPECT

Some of the supports you will receive include:

- Employment-focused workshops (remote access is available)
- Job search advice and support, resume development and interview skills practice
- Career counselling, career decision making, and career assessments (including disability-related employment needs)
- Wage subsidies*
- Skills enhancement training*
- Self-employment program
- Financial needs assessments for potential expenses related to job search, job start, participation in centre activity and/or eligibility for training
- Specialized services for people with disabilities and people with multiple barriers to accessing employment, including customized employment, job development, work experiences, job shadowing, assistance obtaining assistive devices necessary for employment and self-employment
- Employment-targeted assessments to assist in supportive, realistic, reasonable employment/community attachment
- Job sustainment services to assist you in maintaining employment

*Must meet program specific eligibility criteria to participate

Skills Enhancement Training & Certifications



The Skills Training for Employment program meets the needs of vulnerable and under-represented groups by providing skills training and employment supports to participants to help them obtain sustainable employment.

Skills Enhancement Training & Certifications

Adult Basic Education and Academic Upgrading

WorkBC offers Adult Basic Education (ABE) and Academic Upgrading to help clients complete high school graduation requirements or prepare for higher levels of training or employment. This includes:

- Grades 8 through 12
- Basic literacy and numeracy
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- BC Adult Graduation Diploma (General Educational Development - GED)

Occupational Skills Training

Occupational Skills Training helps clients develop industry-specific skills. The training must lead to a certificate, diploma, or degree recognized by educational institutions or industries and must address in-demand skills in the local labour market. This training aims for sustainable employment.

Short Duration Training

This type of training provides industry-specific skills and knowledge for employment. Examples of Short Duration Training include OFA 3 and Class 3 Training.

Short Term Orientation and Certificate (STOC)

STOC training help clients meet minimum job entry requirements.

Common topics include:

- Emergency First Aid
- Super Host
- FOODSAFE
- WHMIS (Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System)
- Serving It Right
- H2S Alive
- Transportation of Dangerous Goods
- Basic Computer Training
- Other essential industry certificates



JOB STARTS SUPPORT





WorkBC helps new employees cover the costs associated with starting a new job, ensuring they are prepared from day one.

WHAT WE PROVIDE:

- Mandatory Work Gear: Steel toe boots, non-slip shoes.
- Certifications: First Aid, Foodsafe.
- Transportation Supports: Help with getting to work.
- Assistive Technology for Disabilities: Ergonomic furniture, hearing devices.
- & more

WHAT EMPLOYERS NEED TO DO:

Provide a verification of employment or job offer with:

- New employee's name
- Job title and duties
- Start date
- Hours per week
- Wage rate
- Employer contact information
- List of required items (e.g., steel toe boots)

WHAT NEW EMPLOYEES NEED TO DO:

- Visit or book an appointment with their local WorkBC Centre.
- Bring ID, SIN number, and employment confirmation letter.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

- Book an appointment with WorkBC as soon as possible to avoid wait times.
- Requests will be processed quickly.

WAGE SUBSIDY





WorkBC Wage Subsidy – Job Seekers

Do you need work experience and on-the-job training? WorkBC can pay an employer a percentage of your wages for up to 24 weeks!

The Wage Subsidy program matches WorkBC clients who require on-the-job training and work experience with employers who can offer support, supervision, and training to their new employee. The temporary subsidy covers a part of employee wages in exchange for coaching and on-the-job training.



WORK EXPERIENCE AND ON-THE-JOB TRAINING!

Job Seeker Eligibility

A job seeker must be:

1. A B.C. permanent resident or Canadian Citizen
2. Unemployed (not working full-time, part-time, temporarily, etc.)
3. Identified for this service through a WorkBC service provider
4. In need of work experience

Questions and Answers

Is the WorkBC Wage Subsidy Program only available for B.C. jobs?

Yes, all individuals subsidized under a WorkBC Wage Subsidy must be in a position where the job and work are primarily done in B.C.



Self-Employment Services



The goal of Self-Employment Services is to help individuals create jobs for themselves by starting their own businesses. This service provides entrepreneurial skills development, support, and financial assistance to eligible individuals while they develop and implement their business plans and become self-employed.

ELIGIBILITY

Self-Employment Services are available to British Columbian job seekers who:

- Are legally eligible to work in B.C.
- Meet general WorkBC program eligibility.
- Have had annual insurable earnings over \$2000 and paid EI premiums in any 5 out of the last 10 years, or had an EI benefit period that ended within the last 60 months, or have a Disabilities designation or Persistent Multiple Barrier status.

For full eligibility details, speak with one of our WorkBC Centre staff.

PROGRAM DETAILS

- Participants will develop a business plan that assesses viability, community impact, and their aptitude and experience.
- Full time participation in Business Plan Development and Launch.
- The Self-Employment Coordinator supports and monitors business plan development and implementation.

COMPONENTS

- Self-Employment Orientation and Assessment
- Business Concept Development
- Business Plan Development
- Business Launch and Implementation

ELIGIBLE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

To be considered for Self-Employment Services, the business must be:

- A new business, or
- An existing business in which the participant had no prior ownership, and
- A business that will not put another individual out of business.

CUSTOMIZED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES



WHAT IS CUSTOMIZED EMPLOYMENT AND WHO IS IT FOR?

Customized Employment is a flexible process that matches your strengths and needs with an employer's requirements. This program helps individuals with disabilities or other employment barriers find and keep jobs.

Customized Employment uses an individualized assessment of your strengths, needs and interests, compiled through the discovery process, and the development of a Customized Employment Profile to identify best-match scenarios between work environments, supports, interests and work tasks.

CUSTOMIZED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES ARE FOR YOU IF:

- You are a person who identifies as having a disability and will benefit from individualized and supported assistance in your job search
- You are a person who has not been successful in securing or maintaining a job through traditional employment/job search activities
- You are a person who has an identified barrier to employment and lacks skills required to achieve and/or maintain sustainable employment
- You are a person who would benefit from ongoing support that would exceed an employer's ability to accommodate, such as one-on-one training time, assistive technology, additional accommodations at the work site or additional assessments

The customized employment process includes a discovery assessment, networking meeting with the job seeker and their friends, family and/or support workers. As a team, we seek employers who are known to the client's network or are supportive in enabling people to live with dignity and respect.

WorkBC works with employers to uncover any unmet needs in the workplace and provide support and resources, including workplace accommodations required for both the job seeker and the employer to be successful.





UNPAID WORK EXPERIENCE

Unpaid work experiences place eligible job seekers in short-term positions with a work experience host.

Objective of unpaid work experience

Job seekers gain valuable work experience and improve their employment readiness skills by working in true employment environments. The employment setting allows job seekers to confirm their occupational choices, enhance skills and network with potential employers, and supports the WorkBC team in assessing job seekers' capacity and skill gaps. We focus on placements that fit with individual job seekers' backgrounds, interests and needs and collaborate with potential employers to find the right fit.



Overview

Unpaid work experiences are normally eight weeks or less of full-time (35 hours per week) unpaid employment. They should be a collaborative three-way process between the job seeker, a work experience host, and WorkBC. WorkBC provides ongoing support during the work experience period for both the job seeker and work experience host.

Benefits for job seekers

- Valuable insight into the world of work
- Opportunity for career exploration and assessment
- Opportunity to meet potential future employers and explore different work environments

WorkBC will:

- Identify potential job seekers
- Facilitate meaningful work experience duties with the work experience host
- Monitor the placement to ensure success of both the job seeker and the work experience host

The work experience host will:

- Provide the job seeker with a meaningful work experience designed to facilitate employment readiness and provide an opportunity for the job seeker to gain needed skills relevant to his or her interests, needs and objectives.
- Supply the labour, knowledge, expertise, materials, facilities, approvals, licenses and other charges or costs necessary for the job seeker's participation in the unpaid work experience. (Note: job seekers may be eligible for financial supports to enable their participation.)
- Provide WorkBC with information needed to monitor and support the unpaid work experience, including job seeker participation and attendance data.





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