

Chiropractors

A guide for newcomers to British Columbia



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1. Working as a Chiropractor [NOC 2021: 31201 / NOC 2016: 3122]

Job Description

Chiropractors diagnose and treat problems with the spine, nerves, bones, and muscles.

Working as a chiropractor, your duties may include:

- recording patients' health histories and performing physical exams
- identifying nervous system- and muscle-related disorders
- treating patients with manual adjustments, soft tissue therapy and electrical stimulation
- advising patients about helpful exercises and stretches and providing lifestyle and nutrition information
- referring patients to other health-care providers

Source:

- WorkBC <https://www.workbc.ca/career-profiles/chiropractors>

Industry Overview

Chiropractor is identified as a high opportunity occupation by WorkBC. There are approximately 1,200 chiropractors in British Columbia. Most are employed in the Mainland/Southwest and Vancouver Island/Coast regions of the province.

Job Outlook in BC (2022-2032)

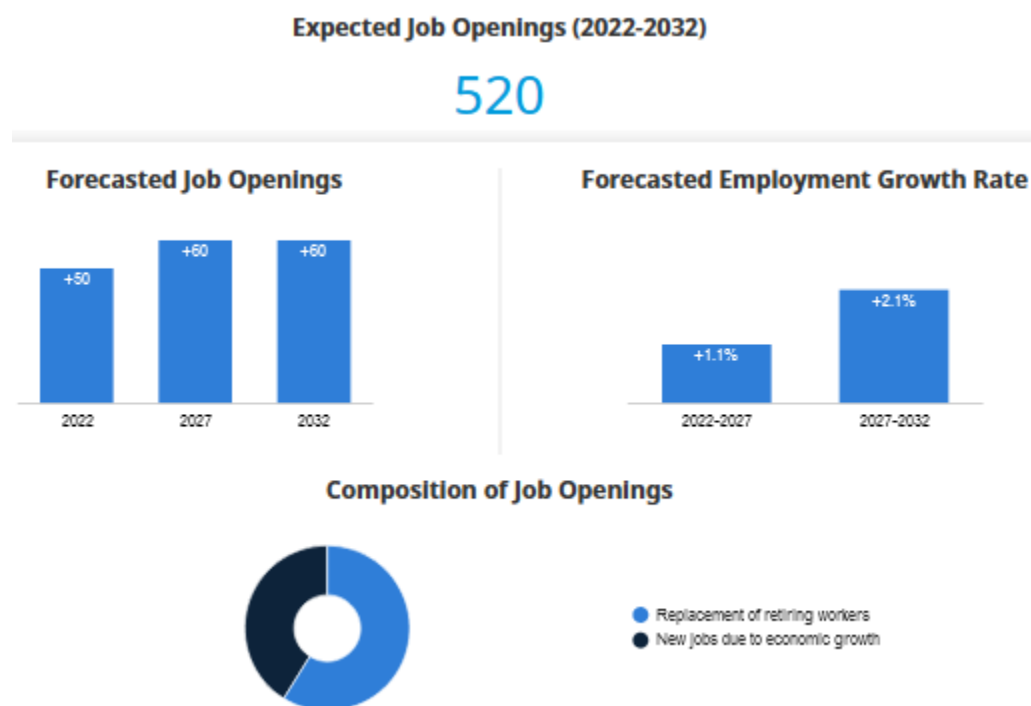


Chart from WorkBC

WorkBC provides job openings in BC regions from 2022-2032:

Region	Employment in 2022	Average Annual Employment Growth	Expected Number of Job Openings
Vancouver Island	210	2.5%	100
Lower Mainland / Southwest	720	1.9%	340
Thompson-Okanagan	150	n/a	n/a
Kootenay	70	n/a	n/a
Cariboo	30	n/a	n/a
North Coast & Nechako	30	n/a	n/a
Northeast	20	n/1	n/a

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You can learn more about working as a Chiropractor in BC from:

- **WorkBC Career Profile for Chiropractors**
<https://www.workbc.ca/career-profiles/chiropractors>
- **Career Cruising [profile for Chiropractor]**
<https://www.vpl.ca/digital-library/career-cruising/>

Available from the VPL Digital Library

Types of Employers

Chiropractors are usually self-employed. Most work in private practice, including group or team practices, and clinics that offer a mix of health-care services.

Salary

The median annual salary for chiropractors in BC is \$53,032.

Most chiropractors are self-employed, which means you run your own clinic or office. Earnings can vary based on your location. Chiropractors in large urban areas usually earn more than those in smaller communities.

Community/Area	Low (\$/year)	Median (\$/year)	High (\$/year)
British Columbia	35,592	53,032	118,501

Chart: Job Bank Canada Wage Report <https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/trend-analysis/search-wages>

Your income also depends on how much you charge for your services and how many patients you see.

From WorkBC and Career Cruising database

Working Hours

Chiropractors generally work about 8 hours a day and 40 hours a week. You may set your own hours in private practice.

Evening and weekend work is common.

2. Skills, Education and Experience

Skills

- strong communication and interpersonal skills
- physical stamina
- patient, compassionate and enjoy helping people
- ability to work well with your hands

Education and Experience

- minimum of two years of university undergraduate studies in sciences
- graduation from a four year chiropractic program accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education
- completion of the Canadian Chiropractic Examining Board (CCEB) exams
- registration with the College of Chiropractors of British Columbia

Qualifications

Chiropractor is a regulated profession in British Columbia

In British Columbia, registration with the **College of Chiropractors of British Columbia (CCBC)** is mandatory. Registration requires graduation from a recognized chiropractic education program and successfully completing the Canadian Chiropractic Examining Board examinations. Once licensed, you must meet minimum continuing education standards every two years.

- **Licensing & registration can be found at CCBC:**
<https://www.chirobc.com/registration-and-renewal>
- **Canadian Chiropractic Examining Board**
<https://cceb.ca>

Internationally Trained Chiropractors

If your qualifications are recognized by the College of Chiropractors of BC, you will not need significant additional training, experience or assessment to work in BC. Chiropractors who trained outside of Canada and have never received certification from a Canadian jurisdiction will likely need a full assessment of your qualifications.

- **Recognized Chiropractic Education Programs:**
<https://www.chirobc.com/registration-and-renewal/recognized-education-programs/>

3. Finding Jobs

You'll find job advertisements in local newspapers, trade journals, and electronic sources, as well as through professional associations' publications.

Local Newspapers

You can look at the *Vancouver Sun* & *The Province* at Vancouver Public Library for free. Check the job postings daily, the careers section in the *Vancouver Sun* on Wednesdays and Saturdays and in *The Province* on Sundays.

Online Job Postings

- **BC Chiropractic Association**
<https://members.bcchiro.com/marketplace-home/ad-listing-published/>
- **Practice Opportunities Listings, Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College**
<https://www.cmcc.ca/alumni-friends/practice-opportunities-listing>

- **Healthcare Jobs.ca**
<https://www.healthcarejobs.ca/>
- **Indeed.ca**
<https://www.indeed.ca/>

Identifying the Right Position

When you browse job advertisements, you'll find different job titles that are relevant.

For chiropractors, look for this related job title:

- Doctor of chiropractic (DC)

Creating a List of Potential Employers

You can use directories to produce lists of employers who work in the healthcare sector in Vancouver or the Lower Mainland. Contact them directly to find out if they're hiring.

- **Find a Chiropractor, BC Chiropractic Association**
<https://find.bcchiro.com/code/find.php>
Membership directory includes names of chiropractic clinics
- **Reference Canada**
<https://www.vpl.ca/digital-library/reference-canada>
Click on "Start Search" beside Canadian Businesses, then select the "Advanced Search" button. Select both "Keyword/SIC/NAICS" under Business Type and "City" under Geography. In the top search box enter "*chiropractors*" and click SEARCH. Select the appropriate headings. Lower down, select the Province, choose the cities, and click the "View Results" button.

Available from the VPL Digital Library

4. Applying for a Job

In Canada, employers usually expect to receive a resume or curriculum vitae and a cover letter that identifies the position you are applying for and summarizes your relevant experience.

Use the library catalogue, <https://vpl.bibliocommons.com/> to find books on writing resumes and cover letters specific to your industry.

To learn about applying for jobs in Canada, use the following guides which are available in print at the Central Library or online at <https://www.vpl.ca/siic/>.

- **Writing Resumes and Cover Letters**
<https://www.vpl.ca/siic/guide/job-search-resources/writing-resumes-and-cover-letters>
- **Getting Canadian Work Experience**
<https://www.vpl.ca/siic/guide/job-search-resources/getting-canadian-work-experience>
- **Networking for Employment**
<https://www.vpl.ca/siic/guide/job-search-resources/networking-for-employment>
- **Learn More About Working in BC and Canada**
<https://www.vpl.ca/siic/guide/job-search-resources/learn-more-about-working-in-bc-and-canada>

5. Getting Help from Industry Sources

Industry Associations

Associations for chiropractors in BC and Canada provide information and assistance. Registration and fees are usually required for membership.

- **British Columbia Chiropractic Association**
<https://www.bcchiro.com/>
- **College of Chiropractors of British Columbia**
<https://www.chirobc.com/>
- **Canadian Chiropractic Association**
<https://chiropractic.ca/>
- **Canadian Chiropractic Examining Board**
<https://cceb.ca/>
- **Federation of Canadian Chiropractic**
<https://chirofed.ca/>

Industry Journals

Search for journals related to your profession. An example:

- **Journal of the Canadian Chiropractic Association**
<https://chiropractic.ca/jcca-online/>

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Vancouver Public Library or telephone 604-331-3603.***

Please note that the information in this guide is also available online through the Skilled Immigrant InfoCentre website at <https://www.vpl.ca/siic>.