

# Government Job Search Websites

A guide for newcomers to British Columbia



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## 1. Government Job Search Websites

### ***Introduction***

Searching for a job has gone electronic. Governments across Canada have produced websites with resources to help you find a job. These websites contain a lot of information beyond job listings. You can find information about career exploration and the job market to help you make decisions about education and training, where to look for a job, and even where to live.

You will get the most value from these websites if you take time to explore and learn all that they have to offer. Once you become familiar searching these websites, you will become faster and more efficient at using them to their full potential.

### ***Featured Websites***

- **WelcomeBC**  
<https://www.welcomebc.ca/>
- **WorkBC**  
<https://www.workbc.ca/>
- **Job Bank**  
<https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/>
- **New to BC**  
<https://newtobc.ca/>

## 2. WelcomeBC

- <https://www.welcomebc.ca/>

### ***Introduction***

WelcomeBC.ca can help you take your first steps when moving to BC: getting settled; finding employment; joining your community; and contributing to the social and economic prosperity of B.C.

WelcomeBC can help you find the information, tools and resources you need. It also provides links to useful resources for community leaders and service providers as they help new members of their communities.

Source: <https://www.welcomebc.ca/About-WelcomeBC>

### ***Website Features***

The website is divided into these categories:

#### **Immigrate** – *Immigrate to BC*

- This section provides information about work permits, applying for immigration, becoming a permanent resident, and other programs.

#### **Start your Life in B.C.** – *Finding Settlement services; Newcomer Guides, Daily life in BC; Learning English*

- This section is helpful for getting settled in BC. There is a 'Things to Do' list for your first few days, what to do if you have an emergency, finding a place to live, finding medical services, resources for learning English, and more.

#### **Work in B.C.** – *Find a job; Qualifications, Labour market information; Employment*

- This section focuses on finding employment. Includes information on assessing your qualifications, the local job market, understanding work rules in BC, and more.

**Study in B.C.** - Resources that will help you study and stay in B.C

- How to apply to educational institutions, your options to work while you are an international student, Learn about post-graduate work permits and becoming a permanent resident of B.C

### ***Highlights / Hidden Gems***

Features on the WelcomeBC website include:

- **WelcomeBC Newcomers Guide**, available in 13 languages  
<https://www.welcomebc.ca/Start-Your-Life-in-B-C/Newcomers-Guides>
- **First Few Days**  
<https://www.welcomebc.ca/Start-Your-Life-in-B-C/First-Few-Days>
- **Explore British Columbia - BC Regional Summaries**  
<https://www.welcomebc.ca/Choose-B-C/Explore-British-Columbia>  
geography, climate, languages, how our governments work

### **3. WorkBC**

- <https://www.workbc.ca/>

#### ***Introduction***

WorkBC helps people find jobs, explore career options and improve their skills. We also help employers fill jobs, find the right talent and grow their businesses.

The WorkBC initiative includes the WorkBC website as well as physical Employment Centres throughout the province – see:

<https://www.workbc.ca/discover-employment-services/workbc-centres>.

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The website is extensive, and includes many features and a variety of helpful resources. It may take time to learn to use this website and explore all that it has to offer.

### **Website Features**

The website is divided into these categories:

#### **Jobs & Careers** – *Find a job; Explore careers and industries; Build your career;*

- This section is for people looking for a job or a career change. There are thousands of job postings and many career and job planning assessment tools.

#### **Employment Services**

- WorkBC Job Centres, apprentice services

#### **Training & Education**

- Post secondary academic, vocational, technical and trades programs

#### **Labour Market & Industry**

- Top demand trades, high opportunity occupations, BC's regional profiles

#### **Employer Resources**

- Employers can post job openings and learn about government programs; includes information on starting a business in BC.

#### **Loans and Grants**

- Student and Adult Learners can find resources to help pay for post-secondary school.

Features on the WorkBC website include:

- **WorkBC Employment Centres**  
<https://www.workbc.ca/discover-employment-services/workbc-centres/workbc-centre-locations>
- **Blog**  
<https://www.workbc.ca/WorkBC-Blog/Read-WorkBC-s-Blog.aspx>
- **Regional Profiles & Economic Assessments**  
<https://www.workbc.ca/research-labour-market/bc-and-regional-profiles>
- **Career Profiles**  
<https://www.workbc.ca/plan-career/explore-careers>

## 4. Job Bank

- <https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/home>

### ***Introduction***

Job Bank is a federal government resource that provides information on job opportunities across Canada. This website includes career information, job descriptions, education and skills requirements, wages, and outlooks for Canada and by province, region, and city.

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**Website Features**

The website is divided into four categories:

**Job Search** – *Job alerts; Job match; Job search advice*

- Search for jobs across Canada by job title and/or location. You also have the option to subscribe to job alerts. Job Match allows you to be matched to prospective employers based on your respective needs and profiles; also provides resume builder and job search advice

**Career Planning** – *Job Profiles, Skills Checklist, Education, Career quizzes*

This section helps you explore careers by occupation, education programs, wage, and employment outlook. You can also complete a skills & knowledge checklist.

**Labour Market Information**

- Occupations, wages, prospects

**Hiring**

- Post a job; Recruitment advice

**Highlights / Hidden Gems**

Features on the Job Bank website include:

- **Match Your Skills and Knowledge**  
[https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/career-planning/skills-knowledge?action=search\\_form](https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/career-planning/skills-knowledge?action=search_form)
- **How do I get a job?**  
<https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/findajob/resources>
- **Explore the market**  
<https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/trend-analysis>
- **Occupational Outlook – British Columbia**  
<https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/outlookreport/location/geo0011>

## 5. New to BC

- <https://newtobc.ca/>

### ***Introduction***

NewToBC connects new immigrants to the information they need to settle in BC. New to BC is a website developed by public library systems in Metro Vancouver. It provides centralized access to the many resources, services and programs available to BC newcomers.

Libraries are often one of the first places that newcomers to BC visit. This website shows how libraries can assist you with settlement and integration into your community.

### ***Website Features***

The website is divided into three categories:

#### **Libraries** – *Information and services*

- This section helps you find a library close to you and which branches have items in your language. You can also find out about library programs for settlement, job searching and other topics.

#### **Settlement Information for Newcomers** – *Resources and services*

- This section helps you find immigrant services in your area, English learning tools and other helpful resources.

#### **Library Champions**

- a three-month volunteer program for new immigrants. It helps you gain Canadian work experience by using your immigration experience, language skills and cultural knowledge to introduce other newcomers to the wealth of resources available at B.C.'s public libraries.



## **Highlights / Hidden Gems**

Features on the NewtoBC website include:

- **Immigrant demographics by community**

<https://newtobc.ca/settlement-information-for-newcomers/immigrant-demographics-by-community/>

information on population, immigration trends and numbers, countries of origin, languages spoken, age, education levels, and occupations

- **Library Programs**

<https://newtobc.ca/library-information/library-programs/>

**Questions? Please ask the Information Staff in the Central Branch,  
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>*

