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A guide for newcomers to British Columbia



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The following websites provide more information about salaries, working conditions, and job prospects in BC and Canada.

- **WorkBC**

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

Provides information about career planning, finding a job, and getting training and support in BC.

- **Career Cruising**

<http://www.vpl.ca/digital-library/career-cruising>

Available from the VPL Digital Library | Explore our Digital Library page

***NOTE:** You can access this database from the Library or from home. If you are using a computer from outside the library, you will need a Vancouver Public Library card to login to this database.*

- **Employment Standards Branch**

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/employment-standards-advice/employment-standards>

The Employment Standards Branch administers the Employment Standards Act and Regulation. This sets minimum standards of wages and working conditions in most workplaces in BC.

- **Job Bank**

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

Provides detailed occupational information for all regions across Canada.

- **WorkSafeBC**

<https://www.worksafebc.com/en>

WorkSafe BC (Workers Compensation Board) is responsible for workplace health and safety in British Columbia.

Seeking Further Assistance

The BC and Canadian governments fund many programs to help newcomers find work and adjust to living in Canada. You can seek help from any of the following agencies.

- **Find Free Newcomer Services Near You, Immigration & Citizenship Canada**

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/newcomers/services/index.asp>

- **Language classes funded by the Government of Canada**

Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) provides free basic and intermediate level English training for permanent residents and protected persons

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/new-immigrants/new-life-canada/improve-english-french/classes.html>

- **Credential Assessment. Immigration & Citizenship Canada**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/new-immigrants/prepare-life-canada/prepare-work/credential-assessment.html>

Information on how to get your credentials assessed to work or study in Canada.

- **International Credential Evaluation Service (ICES)**

<https://www.bcit.ca/ices/>

Compares your education earned outside of Canada to determine comparable levels of education in BC and Canada.

- **WorkBC Centres**

<https://www.workbc.ca/Employment-Services/WorkBC-Centres.aspx>

Provide support with getting and keeping a job in BC.

- **Welcome BC**

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

A good source of information about living and working in BC. Includes useful information for people who have not yet arrived in Canada.

- **Career Paths for Skilled Immigrants**

<https://www.welcomebc.ca/Work-or-Study-in-B-C/Work-in-B-C/Employment-Language-Programs#anchor3>

Get help to have your credentials assessed, improve your language and other skills, and get hands-on workplace experience.

- **Welcome to Canada: What You Should Know**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/publication-welcome-canada-what-you-should-know.html>

Find what to expect in your first few weeks of coming to Canada.

- **NewtoBC**

<https://newtobc.ca/>

A website developed by public library systems in Metro Vancouver that helps connect you with programs and services in your community

- **WorkBC – New to BC**

<https://www.workbc.ca/Resources-for/New-to-B-C.aspx>

Starting point to help you find the information and resources you need to adapt to life in British Columbia.

***Questions? Please ask the Information Staff in the Central Library,
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 <http://skilledimmigrants.vpl.ca/>*