

newsletter

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Employment Trends in British Columbia

Despite shifts in some sectors, British Columbia continues to see growth in key industries. Health care, skilled trades, transportation, and tech support roles are hiring across the province. Companies are seeking candidates with transferable skills, digital fluency, and a readiness to grow. Whether you're starting fresh or switching paths, there's opportunity to step into stable, in-demand work, with credentials like First Aid, Red Seal, and Class 1/3 licensing opening doors across the region.

In-Demand Industries: Technology and transportation logistics

In-Demand Jobs: Software developers (with AI focus), Class 1 truck drivers

WorkBC Partners with Library for the Fall Job Fair

On September 4, 2025, WorkBC New Westminster partnered with The New Westminster Public Library to host the Fall Job Fair, a public event designed to connect job seekers with local employers. Over 300 attendees explored opportunities with 12 hiring organizations, including TransLink, Paladin Security, the City of New Westminster, and the Bank of Montreal. Job seekers asked questions, submitted resumes, and engaged in meaningful conversations across industries. The atmosphere was welcoming and energetic, with a strong sense of community and shared purpose. For many, it marked a hopeful step toward new possibilities. Follow WorkBC New Westminster on Instagram for updates on upcoming job fairs and events.



Pulse Question?

**What is the most important factor you consider when looking for a job?
(If you had to choose one)**

- Career growth and long-term potential
- Salary
- Stability
- Work-life balance and flexibility
- Alignment with personal values and interests

Clarifying your career direction helps you focus your job search with purpose and confidence. If you're still exploring options, try this career quiz: [What Career Is Good for Me?](#)

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Client Success Stories

I thank WorkBC for all the support they have provided me in finding work and preparing to start. I look forward to starting my job, being successful and contributing to society. I am glad that WorkBC programs are here to support people who are searching for employment and improving the quality of their lives.

-SW., Client

I had been unemployed for one month. My resume was outdated and I had no computer to apply for jobs. I wasn't having any success on my own. At WorkBC, I was able to use the computers. I received bus tickets, new work clothes, interview practice questions and flyers for upcoming hiring fairs. I found employment within walking distance of my home! Thankyou

-B., Client

WorkBC provided me with the support to successfully complete my training and gain adequate experience in order to find the job that I have now. I am currently a bus driver working for Translink.

-C., Client

Job and Career Workshops for WorkBC Clients

WorkBC New Westminster offers free group workshops to help you land a job and plan your future. From resume writing and mock interviews to career exploration and goal setting, you'll gain practical tools to move forward with confidence and clarity. Topics include job search strategies, cover letters, employment skills, personality assessments, and discovering your strengths and values.

Whether you're just starting out or making a change, there's a workshop here to help you take the next step.

Please note: Services are available to registered clients only. To enrol in a workshop, please speak with your case manager. You can also visit the [WorkBC New Westminster website](#) to view upcoming workshops or contact your case manager for more details.



WorkBC New Westminster Calendar

The WorkBC New Westminster Centre regularly updates its calendar with upcoming workshops. If you're interested in attending essential sessions, such as Resume & Cover Letter Building, Interview Skills, or Career Exploration, please connect with your case manager to find out the next available dates.

Click here to see the Workshop Calendar- [WorkBC New Westminster \(Workshop Calendar\)](#).

WorkBC Mobile App – Now Available on Android and iOS

The WorkBC app makes it easy for British Columbians to access employment services anytime, anywhere. With the app, you can:

- Securely message your employment counsellor
- View your case details and progress
- Explore the WorkBC job board

Download the application from your phone's app store or click here- [Download WorkBC Mobile App](#)

Fully Funded Training Opportunities

Funded training programs offer free or low-cost skills development to help residents find work, change careers, or upskill for in-demand jobs. Programs vary in length, format, and focus, offering practical training, and pathways to employment across sectors.



The StrongerBC Future Skills Grant provides up to \$3,500 for short-term training at public post-secondary institutions across B.C., helping residents aged 19+ gain skills for in-demand careers. Over 300 programs are available for the 2025/26 academic year in sectors like health care, clean energy, construction, and mining.



The CASTL Reskilling Program offers fast-track training in bioscience and biomanufacturing, combining classroom learning with hands-on experience to prepare you for entry-level roles in life sciences. Great fit for anyone looking to break into life sciences with practical skills and employer connections.



Skills for Today's Workplace is a free 11-week virtual program supporting women impacted by violence in re-entering the workforce. It offers job search training, workplace skills, and support for unemployed or underemployed residents. Starts December 11, 2025. Click on the picture to learn more.

Embers Blade Runners- Program for Youth

The BladeRunners Employment Skills Training Program by EMBERS offers free career readiness support for youth aged 16–29, including certifications in Emergency First Aid and Food Safe. Held November 17–20 in Surrey, the program provides job coaching, daily lunch, bus passes, and incentives for those who secure work within three months. For more information please contact jessica.erler@emberscanada.org

Job Search Engines

Explore these curated job boards and search engines to discover meaningful employment opportunities aligned with your skills and interests.

- [Indeed](#) – Job board available in 26 languages
- [WorkBC](#) – Provincial job search engine offering BC job postings
- [Civic Jobs](#)– Canada's largest source for municipal jobs

WorkBC New Westminster Community Events Gallery



WorkBC Table Booth at Hyack Fireworks Festival



WorkBC Table Booth at Douglas College Resources Fair



WorkBC New Westminster at the Hyack Festival



Fall Job Fair at New Westminster Public Library



Hiring session with Paladin Security at WorkBC Centre New Westminster



WorkBC Table Booth at JIBC Community Fair



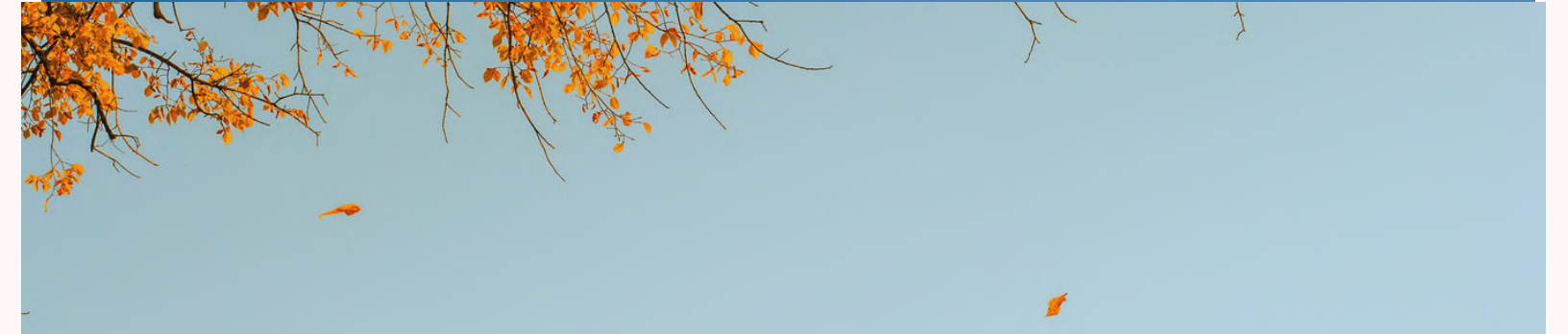
Staff Members at WorkBC New Westminster acknowledging Truth and Reconciliation Day



WorkBC New Westminster Centre Promoting Disability Month



On-the-Spot Interview Session with Express Pros Employment Services



Upcoming WorkBC New Westminster Events

October 30- Clothing Giveaway Event

WorkBC New Westminster will be hosting a clothing giveaway event featuring donated items. The event is open to the public with limited registration on a first-come, first-served basis, and any remaining clothing will be donated to a local organization supporting those in need.

November 4- Information Session for Job Seekers

This monthly in-person session is open to the public and offers an overview of WorkBC services for job seekers. A detailed presentation and Q&A help participants understand how WorkBC can support their employment goals. Interested in attending? follow the WorkBC New West Eventbrite here- [WorkBC Eventbrite Page](#)

November 5- Hiring Session with Paladin Security

After a successful collaboration, Paladin Security will be coming back to WorkBC New Westminster to host an interview session that will be exclusive to WorkBC New West registered clients. If you are a WorkBC New Westminster client and interested in being a part of the interview session, please contact your case manager.

November 7- Hiring Session with Embers Staffing

WorkBC New Westminster is partnering with Embers Staffing, a trusted staffing agency, to host an exclusive hiring event for registered WorkBC New West clients. Interviews will be held for construction and carpentry roles. If you are a WorkBC New Westminster client and interested in joining the interview session, please contact your case manager.

Upcoming Job Fairs for Public

October 29- WorkBC Maple Ridge Job Fair

Connect in person with local employers hiring for seasonal and long-term roles. Bring your resume, dress to impress, and be ready to network, on-the-spot interviews possible! [Click to Register](#).

November 7- Vancouver Tech Community: Connect

Join Career in Tech Society's networking event on November 7, 5:30–8:30 PM at 777 Hornby Street. Hear from hiring companies about their mission, culture, and current openings. Enjoy casual networking and meet tech recruiters. Click [here](#) to register.

November 12- Tri-Cities Job Fair

WorkBC Coquitlam is hosting the Tri-Cities Job Fair on November 12 at the Evergreen Cultural Centre from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Meet employers, explore career paths, and discover local employment services. A welcoming, inclusive space to connect and grow your opportunities. [Register for Tri-Cities Job Fair](#)

November 19- Fall Job Fair at Richmond Public Library

WorkBC Centre Richmond and Richmond Public Library are hosting a free Fall Job Fair to connect job seekers with employers across various industries. Whether you're a recent grad, changing careers, or exploring options, join us between 12 PM and 4 PM in one-hour time slots (max 300 participants per slot) for a smooth and engaging experience. Register Here- [Richmond Fall Job Fair](#)

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