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BC Presents the Look West Strategy: Building Canada's Economic Engine

The Look West Strategy positions British Columbia as Canada's economic engine by investing in workforce training, accelerating \$200 billion in major projects, and diversifying key sectors such as maritime, aerospace, life sciences, AI, construction, and agriculture. With expanded trades training, streamlined permitting, and strong partnerships with First Nations, the plan aims to double employment in tech and life sciences, secure federal defence contracts, and grow exports through B.C.'s world-class ports and renewable energy.



WorkBC New Westminster Partners with Statistics Canada to Promote Census Jobs

WorkBC New Westminster is partnering with Statistics Canada to host in-person information sessions about upcoming Census jobs. On January 14, two back-to-back sessions will be held, the first open to the public and the second for WorkBC clients. Attendees will learn about the types of positions available, the application process, and how to get involved. This is an excellent opportunity for university and college students seeking experience, as well as community members looking to build skills and contribute to a national initiative. Participants will also gain direct insight from Statistics Canada representatives about what it's like to work on the Census.



Pulse Question?

What's the single biggest factor that would make you stay long-term at a company? (If you had to choose one)

- Career growth and development
- Work-life balance and flexibility
- Stability
- High Salary and benefits
- 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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Resume Building Workshops for WorkBC Clients

WorkBC New Westminster offers free group workshops designed to help you plan your career path and job search. One of the most popular sessions is the Resume Building Workshop, where clients learn how to identify key resume focus areas, tailor their resumes for different roles and industries, and make them ATS-friendly. Whether you're entering the workforce or making a career change, this workshop provides valuable insights, including how to use the right keywords to stand out. Participants also have the chance to ask questions and receive practical guidance from experienced facilitators.

Please note: The Resume Workshop is available to registered clients only. To enrol, 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.



Google Reviews

I had a great experience with WorkBC New Westminster. They provided excellent support throughout my job search and offered helpful guidance that made the process much easier. I especially want to thank my case manager for her kindness, professionalism, and support. She was always encouraging, responsive, and genuinely invested in helping me succeed. I would highly recommend WorkBC New Westminster to anyone seeking help with employment.

-BW, Client

Thank you so much Workbc New Westminster. They have a very good team who helped me make my Resume, enhance my skills though their Workshops and they even paid for my TCP training .The moment i got hired they even provided me Transportation assistance.

-AB., Client

Came in today because I needed help with my resume. WorkBC staff were exceptional. Thanks for all the help. This place is amazing.

-TS, Client

Explore Job Opportunities on the WorkBC Job Board

The WorkBC Job Board makes it easy for job seekers to find opportunities by searching with keywords or postal codes. The listings are updated regularly, ensuring you have access to the most current job openings. [Click here](#) to view the Job Board. It's a simple and reliable way to stay connected to new employment opportunities as they become available.

WorkBC New Westminster Resource Room

The WorkBC New Westminster Centre offers a public resource room that anyone can use. Similar to a library space, visitors can access computers or bring their own laptops to study, search for jobs, or work on applications. Free printing and photocopying services are also available. To plan your visit, check the hours of operation on the [WorkBC New Westminster website](#).



Fully Funded Training Opportunities

Funded training programs provide free or low-cost opportunities to build valuable skills. They help residents find work, transition into new careers, or upgrade for in-demand jobs. Each program offers practical training and clear pathways to employment across sectors.



Empower3D provides youth with disabilities hands-on training and paid work experience in the manufacturing sector. Participants receive classroom instruction, 12 weeks of full-time employment, certifications, tech support, and coaching to build transferable skills and strengthen their resumes. Visit [Empower3D](#) to learn more.



The Co-Operators Youth Tech Connect Scholarship Program offers free, one-week digital and wellness training for youth aged 16 to 34. Participants choose from MS Word, Excel, Intro to Python, or Work Wellness, gaining practical tech skills and tools to manage job-related stress. Click on the picture to learn more and register.



YWCA Discover is a free 51-week program that prepares women for careers as Early Childhood Educators. Participants gain essential skills and credentials through training delivered with YWCA Metro Vancouver, Sprott Shaw College, and WorkBC. The program is open to women aged 19+ living in Metro Vancouver with Canadian Citizenship or Permanent Residency. Click on the picture to learn more.

CASTL Elevate BC Bioscience Reskilling Program

The CASTL Elevate BC Bioscience Reskilling Program helps individuals launch careers in sciences and biomanufacturing, offering hands-on lab training, manufacturing practises fundamentals, and a four-week placement with leading employers across British Columbia. The next cohort begins February 16, 2026. Learn more and apply on their [website](#).

Embers Blade Runners- Traffic Control Training (TCP)

The BladeRunners Employment Skills Training Program by EMBERS is offering free TCP training for youth aged 16–29 on January 21–23, 2026. TCP program will include classroom and on-road practical training, and includes a written exam and evaluation. The training will include BC regulations, equipment use, work-zone safety, and communication. For more information, please contact jessica.erler@emberscanada.org or call 604-312-3098.



YWCA Tech Connect Program

YWCA Tech Connect is a free 16-week employment program that supports newcomer women with IT experience as they transition into tech careers in Canada. The program includes workshops on workplace culture, employment preparation, mentorship, networking events, and four weeks of individualized coaching, followed by up to 12 weeks of support. Participants also gain access to guest speakers, YWCA services, and financial assistance for transit and child care if eligible. Applicants must be permanent residents or protected persons with IT experience, CLB 6+ English, and availability for daytime virtual workshops. For more information, visit- [YWCA Tech Connect](#)



Foundry Surrey Central Opens to Provide Integrated Youth Care

Foundry Surrey Central has officially opened, offering youth ages 12–24 and their families free, confidential mental-health, substance-use, and physical health care, peer support, and social services. Operated by Pacific Community Resources Society, the centre provides low-barrier, in-person and virtual support in a welcoming, youth-friendly space. With multilingual staff and same-day access to counselling and care coordination, the new location aims to reduce barriers and ensure young people in Surrey can receive timely support and resources when they need them most. Its opening marks an important step in expanding accessible, integrated care for youth across the community. Click on the image below to read more.





Upcoming WorkBC New Westminster Events

January 14- Statistics Canada Census Info Session

WorkBC New Westminster will be hosting an information session in collaboration with Statistics Canada to share details about upcoming census job opportunities, and the hiring process. Attendees will learn about available roles, job requirements, and what it's like to work on a national census project. The event is open to both the public and WorkBC clients. If you are registered with WorkBC New Westminster and would like to attend, please contact your case manager to register.

January 26- Resume Building Workshop

WorkBC's Resume & Cover Letter Workshop helps job seekers strengthen their application materials by teaching effective strategies for showcasing skills, experience, and accomplishments. Participants learn how to structure a professional resume, tailor content to specific job postings, and write clear, compelling cover letters. If you are a WorkBC client and would like to participate in the workshop, please contact your case manager.

February 25- Hiring Session with Paladin Security

WorkBC New Westminster is partnering with Paladin Security to host an exclusive hiring event for registered WorkBC New Westminster clients. This session offers a direct pathway to interview for Security Guard and Security Guard Supervisor positions with one of Canada's leading security companies. If you are a WorkBC New Westminster client and would like to participate in this hiring session, please contact your case manager to secure your spot.

Upcoming Job Fairs for the Public

January 23- Life Sciences Career Connect Day

Life Sciences BC's Career Connect Day is a full-day event that brings together life sciences employers, students, and job seekers for networking, presentations, and career exploration. It features sessions on science-based careers, company training programs, and leadership journeys, along with an exhibitor hall where attendees can meet employers, explore job openings, and learn about industry pathways. Learn more and register for the event here- [Life Sciences Career Fair](#)

February 19- Vancouver Career Fair and Expo

Career Fair Canada will host its Vancouver Job Fair on February 19 at the Pan Pacific Hotel Vancouver, featuring booths from reputable employers such as the Royal Canadian Air Force, QuickHands, and the Public Service Commission of Canada. The event provides an excellent opportunity for job seekers to connect with recruiters, explore career pathways, and expand their professional network in a dynamic, supportive environment. To learn more and register, please visit- [Career Fair Job Fair](#)

February 26- PICS Mega Job Fair

The PICS Job Fair takes place on January 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre (181 Roundhouse Mews, Vancouver). Job seekers can meet employers from retail, hospitality, banking, credit unions, and service industries, speak directly with recruiters, and explore pathways into entry-level and skilled roles. It's a strong opportunity to learn about hiring needs, training options, and career growth while expanding your professional network. To attend, please register on this link- [Pics Job Fair](#).



**We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy
New Year!**

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