

newsletter

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B.C.'s High-Opportunity Careers: Jobs with Strong Long-Term Demand

WorkBC's **High Opportunity Occupations** list showcases the careers in B.C. with the strongest long-term demand, solid wages, and consistent job openings. It's a fast, reliable way for job seekers to explore roles with strong growth potential and learn about the training pathways, key skills, and labour-market trends behind them. These insights empower job seekers to make confident, informed decisions about where to focus their career development.

Click the image on the right to explore the full, in-depth breakdown.



WorkBC New Westminster Collaborates with RBC to Promote Safe Banking

WorkBC New Westminster partnered with Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) on June 3, 2026, to deliver an information session on frauds, scams, and cyber safety for IM+M program clients. The session highlighted emerging online scams, common cyber-threats, and practical strategies for staying safe and banking securely. The event saw strong engagement and excellent feedback from participants.

If you're a WorkBC New Westminster client and would like to join future information sessions, hiring events, or workshops such as résumé building, please connect with your case manager.



Career Exploration Insight

What's one skill you rely on the most in your work, even if it's not on your résumé?

- Problem-solving: Finding solutions quickly when challenges come up
- Communication: Explaining ideas clearly and working well with others
- Time management: Staying organized and meeting deadlines
- Adaptability: Adjusting smoothly to new tasks, tools, or changes

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

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Pulse Question: Why job seekers say ‘I know’ but still don’t make changes”

Have you ever said to someone, or someone has said to you “you should eat better” or “you should stop smoking, you should be more active or more social” and you receive the reply or have said, “I know”. Why are these two words so misunderstood and why are they so important to understand?

“I know” is often misunderstood. Most people use it to mean “I’ve heard this before.” The problem is that when I know means I’ve heard it, the brain stops evaluating or acting, even when the advice is important, like updating a résumé, applying consistently, or improving interview skills.

However, real change only happens when we keep evaluating and acting. So the fix is simple: Redefine “I know” to mean “I continue to evaluate and act daily on what I want to change.”

When job seekers shift the meaning of those two words, I know becomes a commitment, not a dismissal, and it opens the door to real progress.

(Written by: Marco Romanelli, WorkBC Case Manager).



Navigate 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.

Google Reviews ★★★★★

Our experience with WorkBC New Westminster has been genuinely fantastic. Their team organized an in-person hiring event that was tailored perfectly to the type of candidates we were looking for. They pre-screened everyone ahead of time, which made the whole process smooth and efficient,

-Sapperton Taphouse., WorkBC New Westminster Employer Partner

Amazing support and guidance from the team at WorkBC New Westminster. A special thank you to Zahra and Kuljeet for their encouragement, positivity, and genuine dedication throughout my job search journey. Their support truly made a difference. Recommended!!

-Vinisha C., WorkBC New Westminster Client

I would like to sincerely thank everyone at New Westminster WorkBC for all the support and help they gave me during my job search journey. The staff treated me with kindness, respect, and patience, and they always listened to me carefully and supported my goals.

-Samson T., WorkBC New Westminster Client

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 job seekers find work, transition into new careers, or upgrade for in-demand jobs. Each program offers practical training and clear pathways to employment across sectors.



EVolveSkills program is a free two-week EV upskilling program offering a certificate in electric vehicle technology. It provides training in high-voltage safety, battery diagnostics, and OEM digital diagnostics. Eligible learners include Canadian automotive, collision repair, and heavy-equipment technicians or apprentices. Registration is ongoing, with financial support available for those who qualify. To register for the EVolveSkills program, contact evolve@dcrs.ca or call 604-547-1240, or sign up directly at dcrs.ca/evolve.



Office administration + Accounting Training program is a fully funded 7-month program starting September 14, 2026. Includes bookkeeping, payroll, QuickBooks, Microsoft Office, and 8 weeks of work experience. Laptop provided for all participants. Eligibility: Metro Vancouver residents meeting WorkBC, Grade 12 + English 12/CLB 7–8, 18+, clear CRC. This training provides a direct pathway into high-demand administrative and accounting roles across Metro Vancouver. Training starts on September 14, 2026. To register, please complete the form- [Registration Link](#)



Lather Apprentice Program is fully funded 17-week Lather Apprenticeship with hands-on training and 3 weeks of industry work experience provided by Douglas College. Participants earn Level 1 apprenticeship certification and gain direct employment pathways toward a Red Seal. Program supports youth, women, newcomers, forestry-impacted workers, and BCEA/ EI-connected clients. Participants must be pre-approved through WorkBC. Next cohort starts November 9. To apply, please click on the left picture.



The Building Support Worker Program is a free 12-week training with skills training, occupation-specific English, work experience, and job-search support; participants earn VCC and WHMIS certifications, must meet WorkBC eligibility (EI/BCEA, CLB 4/5+, Metro Vancouver residency, legal work status). This program is ideal for anyone seeking stable, entry-level employment in the building service sector. Cohort starts September 28. Click the picture to learn how to apply.



Medical office assistnat program is 21-week Medical Admin Assistant program that trains individuals for healthcare office roles through hands-on admin skills, EMR training, and a real work placement. It's full-time, practical, and designed for WorkBC-eligible job seekers. Next cohort starts on July 27, 2026. Seats are limited, If you are interested, click here to fill the application form-
<https://www.latincoover.ca/medical-admin-assistant-program/>



The Launch & Life Stability Foundations program (Elizabeth Fry Society) offers fully funded job-readiness and stability training for adults 18+. Supports include financial and digital literacy, self-care, housing help, counselling, childcare assistance, and peer mentoring. Open to New Westminster residents as of July 2026. Register at cbesnw@efry.com or 604-545-0437. A great option for anyone building stability before returning to work.



Tech Connect is a free, fully funded YWCA Metro Vancouver program that helps internationally trained tech professionals re-enter the Canadian tech sector. Participants receive industry-aligned training, mentorship, networking with employers, and job-search support. The next cohort begins August 2026. Open to eligible newcomers in the Lower Mainland. Click on the image to learn more. . Open to eligible newcomers in the Lower Mainland.



The Accounting and Payroll certificate program is a fully funded training that prepares learners for entry-level bookkeeping, payroll, and accounting roles. It covers accounting basics, payroll, QuickBooks, and essential computer skills, with hands-on practice and job-readiness support. Open to eligible job seekers, with registration can be done via- freetrainings.ca



The Construction Electrician Foundations is a fully-funded, 7-month training opportunity for eligible WorkBC clients. It prepares new electrical workers with safe work practices, wiring skills, tool use, and installation tasks. Applicants may qualify through EI, BCEA, or PWD status, but a WorkBC referral is required. The cohort starts August 31, 2026, to register, ask your WorkBC case manager to send a referral to workshops@selfrise.ca or call 604-200-2033.



StrongerBC
for everyone

The StrongerBC Future Skills Grant gives eligible B.C. residents up to \$3,500 for short-term training that leads to good jobs in high-growth sectors. It's designed to make flexible, practical, job-ready training more accessible and has already supported 16,500+ people since 2023. Applications for 2026/27 are now open, with 250+ programs offered across 24 public post-secondary schools starting as early as September 2026. It's a direct pathway for British Columbians to gain the skills needed in the province's fastest-growing industries. Click on the picture to learn more.



WorkBC

WorkBC's Youth Employment Services support young people facing barriers to work by offering funded training, skill-building, and connections to employers. Programs help youth build workplace skills, access wraparound supports, and move toward employment or education. Training options range from digital skills, manufacturing, life sciences, food systems, social services, and trauma-informed employment readiness. Eligibility varies by program, generally supporting youth 15-30 who are unemployed or precariously employed and legally able to work in B.C.



WorkBC New Westminster Events and Community Engagement



In-House Hiring Session with HBMP Cleaning



Collaboration with RBC to host information session for WorkBC Clients



In-House Hiring Session with JPD Contracting



WorkBC Participated at the Hyack Festival 2026



In-House Hiring Session with West Unique Painting



Upcoming WorkBC New Westminster Events

August 5- Info Session with Make A Future-Careers in BC Education

WorkBC New Westminster will be hosting an information session in partnership with Make A Future- Careers in BC Education to provide an overview of B.C.'s education sector and walk participants through the process of applying for roles on the Make A Future job board. This session is great for anyone exploring careers in education, including positions such as teachers, instructors, and support staff. The event is open to the public at no cost. Interested participants can register on Eventbrite- [Click to Register](#).

August 10- Hiring Session with Fresh Slice Pizza

WorkBC New Westminster will collaborate with Fresh Slice Pizza to host an exclusive virtual hiring event for registered WorkBC New Westminster clients. This session will offer clients the opportunity to interview for full time cashier/food prep position. This event is open only to WorkBC New Westminster clients. If you are interested in attending, please speak with your case manager.

August 18- Hiring for TCP with The Universal Group

WorkBC New Westminster is partnering once again with The Universal Group to host a hiring event for registered WorkBC New Westminster clients. This session will provide clients an opportunity to interview for Traffic Control Personnel (TCP) positions. This event is open exclusively to WorkBC New Westminster clients. If you would like to attend, please speak with your case manager.

Upcoming Job Fairs for the Public

July 22- WorkBC Guildford Job Fair

The Guildford Library in-person job fair brings together multiple employers from different sectors for direct networking and hiring conversations. Job seekers can meet recruiters, learn about available roles, and explore opportunities. Attendees are encouraged to bring résumés; printing support is typically available through WorkBC centres. This event is designed for adults and newcomers and focuses on accessible, community-based employment support. Click Here to register- [Surrey Guildford Job Fair](#)

July 23- Vancouver Career Fair

Vancouver Career Fair and Training Expo Canada will be hosting their Job Fair on July 23 at the Pacific (999 Canada Place). The event will feature booths from well-known employers such as the Canadian Air Force, TNT Supermarket Inc., Best Personnel, and others. The fair runs from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. If you're interested in attending, please register using the link provided.- [Vancouver Career Fair Registration](#)

September 3- WorkBC September Job Fair

WorkBC New Westminster and New Westminster Public Library will once again collaborate to host a large-scale job fair on September 3, 2026 at the Anvil Centre. The event will feature 30 employers and is expected to welcome over 1,000 attendees. Employers from industries such as food services, transportation, and nursing will be onsite, giving job seekers the chance to meet recruiters, explore career pathways, and expand their professional networks. Event starts at 11:00 am. Click here to register-



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