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Canada-B.C. Job Grant Opening for Construction Sector

B.C. will open the Canada-B.C. Job Grant to applications from employers in the Construction sector on November 2, 2015, for training that starts on or before March 31, 2016. The CJG will re-open to applications from ALL employers and sectors in B.C. in January 2016, with priority given to key sectors supporting BC's economy, including Construction.

The Canada-B.C. Job Grant (CJG) will provide up to \$500,000 to employers in the Construction sector to train current or future employees in the sector, and is open to all employers in the Construction sector. The program has been opened to complement a new skills training program sponsored by LNG Canada. Construction sector employers may be able to receive funding through LNG Canada's program to cover their 1/3 contribution. Please visit LNG Canada's program.

NOTE: Eligible training will include: Essential Skills, Specialized/Technical Skills, Managerial Skills, and certain Foundation programs and Apprenticeship training, where seats are available. Foundation Programs and Apprenticeship Training will only be eligible if listed in the High Demand Trades List (see Appendix 1 in Criteria). Levels 2 and 3 will be restricted to participants who are from under-represented groups in the labour force. Please see CJG Criteria for further details.

What is the Canada-B.C. Job Grant?

The Canada-B.C. Job Grant is an employer-driven, cost-sharing program that can help employers invest in training for their current or future employees. It assists eligible employers to offset the cost of training, with the employer contributing one-third of the cost. The employer must have a job for the participant at the end of training. Eligible training costs include: tuition fees; mandatory student fees; textbooks, software and other required materials; and examination fees.

The maximum government contribution is \$10,000 for each employee trained. Employers can apply directly or an Eligible Organization can act on behalf of employers. Employers can submit one application to a maximum of \$50,000. Eligible Organizations can submit multiple applications at a maximum of \$50,000 per application.

How do I apply?

Employers in the Construction sector interested in applying for the Canada-BC Job Grant should review the <u>CJG Fact Sheet</u>, <u>CJG Checklist</u>, <u>CJG Criteria</u>, and <u>How to Apply</u> before submitting an application. Eligible employers and eligible Organizations can complete and submit an application once the program opens on November 2. At the Province's sole discretion, applications may be approved based on provincial priorities, up to funding amounts available. The Application window will remain open until subscription targets determined by the Ministry have been met. Employers will be informed of decisions within 60 business days of application. Please note that, if an employer decides to proceed with training before receiving a decision from the Ministry, they will be liable for all costs incurred should the application be denied.