

Job Creation Partnerships is an employment program that supports projects that provide eligible individuals with meaningful work experience to help them obtain on-going employment. Projects should benefit the participant, community and the local economy, however, the primary focus must be on helping the participant.

Program Objective

At the end of their participation in a **Job Creation Partnership** project, the participants in the program will have recent work experience and additional skills to add to their resumes, increasing their chances of successfully finding long-term employment. Activities through the Job Creation Partnerships must be finite and incremental to the on-going operation of the project sponsor.

Who can apply?

To be eligible for participation in Job Creation Partnerships (JCP), you must be an unemployed individual (“Employment Insurance (EI) Client”) as defined in the Canada – BC Labour Market Development Agreement (LMDA). This means that you are an individual for whom:

- a. an unemployment benefit period has been established or has ended within the 36 months (3 years) prior to the date of requesting assistance; or
- b. a benefit period that included a maternity or parental claim has been established within the 60 months (5 years) prior to the date of requesting assistance, after which you remained out of the labour market in order to care for a newborn or newly adopted child and are now seeking to re-enter the labour force.

Other criteria may apply. For more information on which other criteria may apply for eligibility into this employment program, please contact Enquiry BC.

Financial Benefits

Individuals will receive income support while on the project. Individuals currently in receipt of EI may continue to receive their EI benefits or the project rate, whichever is higher. Eligible participants not in receipt of EI benefits will receive the project rate. This income support is taxable and non-insurable.

How can I get more information?

You can get more information on Employment and Labour Market Services through your local Employment Assistance Service (EAS) Provider, or through **Enquiry BC**.

Hours of Operation for Enquiry BC are 7:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Victoria:	250 387-6121	<i>Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD)</i>
Vancouver:	604 660-2421	Vancouver: 604 775-0303
Elsewhere in BC:	1 800 663-7867	Elsewhere in BC: 1 800 661-8773

By Internet: Employment and Labour Market Services website:
www.labourmarketservices.gov.bc.ca