

Welcome to Ontario

The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities wishes to welcome you. We offer employment and training programs and services to help you settle in Ontario.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WORK?

To help you find a job, write a résumé, improve your interview techniques and upgrade your skills, Employment Ontario is here for you.

We connect people looking for work with employers looking to hire. There are many ways to connect you to our services:

Learn more about how we can help you by visiting Employment Ontario on-line at www.ontario.ca/employment

Call the Employment Ontario Contact Centre at 1-800-387-5656 and talk to an agent in the language of your choice. If you are deaf or hearing impaired you can call 1-866-533-6339.

Visit one of our Employment Ontario service providers to talk to an employment counsellor in person. Many of our service providers offer free use of computers and other resources to help with your job search. Use the map feature on the Employment Ontario website to find your nearest service provider.

You can use our new Live Chat Service to connect directly to an Employment Ontario agent without having to wait. Just go to www.employmentontario.ca to use it.

DO YOU WANT TO WORK IN A SKILLED TRADE?

You want to learn a skilled trade: If you want to work in a skilled trade or occupation, Apprenticeship is an on-the-job training program. Apprentices are paid while gaining work experience. It leads to well-paying jobs with a high level of skill. There are over 150 trades to choose from in construction, industrial/manufacturing, motive power and service. Follow this link www.collegeoftrades.ca for more information.

To find an employer to do an apprenticeship, we can help you with your job search through one of our Employment Ontario service providers. To find the one nearest you, follow this link <http://feats.findhelp.ca/eng/search.html> or call the Employment Ontario Contact Centre at 1-800-387-5656.

You have experience in a skilled trade: If you have experience in a skilled trade in which you want to work, the Ontario Colleges of Trades (OCOT) offers the **Trade Equivalency Assessment (TEA)** which determines if you are ready to challenge the exam to be certified. If you do not have enough experience in your trade to be certified, they will guide you accordingly. For more information, please contact OCOT at 647-847-3000/1-855-299-0028, email at info@collegeoftrades.ca or follow this link www.collegeoftrades.ca

DO YOU NEED EDUCATION OR TRAINING?

An Employment Ontario counsellor can help you find the service that is best for you.

Find a career that is right for you: GO on-line to www.ontario.ca/employment and visit our Career Finder to learn more about your career choices.

Finish high school: Not having a high school diploma can get in the way of finding a job. Learn how General Education Development (GED) testing can help you get a high school certificate. Go to <http://www.ilc.org/ged/index.php>.

Find out about adult learning opportunities: The Academic Upgrading Program can help you achieve the learning that will help you find you job, keep your job, or start a new career. Our counsellors can help you find the courses that are right for you and your career.

Get personalized career help: More jobs demand higher levels of education and training. Talk to a counsellor about your interests, experience, and abilities. Together, you can determine the next step that is best for you.

For more information on employment and training programs and services, please call the Employment Ontario Contact Centre at 1-800-387-5656.

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR LANGUAGE AND MATH SKILLS?

Improving your reading, writing, and mathematics skills will help you compete in the job market. We can help young people and adults improve their literacy and numeracy skills, which are necessary to achieve workplace goals and greater independence.

We can also help you qualify for education and training at the college level. Ask about the Academic Upgrading and Literacy and Basic Skills programs.

Employment Ontario counsellors work with you to build basic technical skills by providing information about courses offered by school boards, colleges, and community organizations.

Learn in English or French: Employment Ontario counsellors can guide you to training programs that are available in either of Canada's two official languages.

Want more help with your skills for work? You likely have more skills than you think. Our counsellors can help you identify your skills, experience, and interests to find a career that is right for you.

For more information, please contact the Employment Ontario Contact Centre:



The graphic features two red rectangular boxes at the top containing the text "EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO" and "EMPLOI ONTARIO" in white. Below these is a central red circle with the text "Need Assistance?" and "Besoin d'aide?". To the left and right of the circle are three green icons (phone, chat bubble, and envelope) arranged vertically. Each icon is accompanied by text in English and French. The phone icon is associated with "Call us" and "1. 800. 387. 5656" in English, and "appelez-nous" and "1. 800. 387. 5656" in French. The chat bubble icon is associated with "Chat with us" and "www.ontario.ca/employment" in English, and "Clavardez avec nous" and "www.ontario.ca/employment" in French. The envelope icon is associated with "Send an email" and "employmenthotlineinquiries@ontario.ca" in English, and "Envoyez un courriel" and "employmenthotlineinquiries@ontario.ca" in French.

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