

Graduate Employment Program

Description

The **Graduate Employment Program** is designed to assist graduates of post-secondary education programs obtain employment related to their field of study. The program provides funding to employers to create new employment.

Eligible Applicants

Profit and not-for-profit employers who can provide work experience related to the graduate's field of study.

Eligible Participants

- individuals who have successfully completed a post-secondary program of a minimum duration of one year (includes degree, diploma, and certificate programs)
- are currently unemployed or are underemployed (working less than 20 hours per week, or working in an area not related to their field of study)
- have graduated in the past two years (includes individuals who have completed an apprenticeable trade from a recognized post-secondary institution)

Preference will be given to non-EI eligible graduates (non-EI eligible being defined as individuals currently not receiving EI benefits and having not received EI benefits within the last three years; or having not received EI maternity or parental benefits within the last five years).

Financial Assistance

A 60% wage subsidy, pro-rated over 52 weeks, to a maximum of \$12,500 towards the starting salary of the approved position and a \$500 one time payment to the employer to assist with the training costs for the new graduate based on the provision of a training plan.

Approval of applications will be considered only when applications for both the graduate and the employer have been matched.

How to Apply

Applications may be obtained from any office of the Department of Advanced Education and Skills or the department's website. Applications can be initiated by either the graduate or the employer.

Applications are accepted on a continuous basis, however, approvals are subject to the availability of funds.

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For additional information

Call:

Labour Market and Career Information Hotline

1-800-563-6600

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Click:

www.aes.gov.nl.ca

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