



OBJECTIVE

To help individuals create jobs for themselves by starting a business . Services and supports focus on ensuring the development and launch of the business is successful at each stage.

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SELF-EMPLOYMENT

JOB SEEKER
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understanding self-employment services

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE - WHAT IS INVOLVED - HOW DOES IT WORK

Self-employment services include entrepreneurial support to clients while they develop and start their business. Following approval, clients are assisted to develop their business plan, and receive entrepreneurial workshops, coaching and mentoring, and assistance throughout business launch.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

Eligible job seekers are Case Managed Clients of a WorkBC Employment Services Centre. In the absence of a disability, eligible Clients must have Employment Insurance Reachback or Active status. BCEA Clients with Person with a Disability or Person with Persistent and Multiple Barrier status are also eligible.

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WHAT'S INVOLVED

Participation in EPBC self-employment services is a staged process starting with demonstrating that you cannot get a sustainable job with your current skill set. Next, Clients are referred to the upcoming orientation sessions where expert staff work with Clients to assess their readiness and suitability and to ensure they have a viable business concept that is suitable for public funding. A panel review of the business concept is completed at the end of the first phase.

If approved to proceed to phase two, Clients receive entrepreneurial focused training and one-to-one coaching. The focus is on developing a solid business plan and launching viable businesses. A panel review will occur before launch. Clients are expected to work full-time on developing their business during this phase (some exceptions apply). Please note, while some financial supports may be available this does not include capital or other costs to launch.

EK EMPLOYMENT

WE DELIVER THE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM OF BC AND WORK WITH JOB SEEKERS AND EMPLOYERS IN A VARIETY OF CAPACITIES TO MEET LOCAL LABOUR MARKET NEEDS.

WHEN CLIENTS CANNOT FIND SUSTAINABLE EMPLOYMENT IN THE LOCAL LABOUR MARKET, WE ASSIST THEM TO REALIZE THEIR ENTREPRENEURIAL DREAMS.



STEP #1

Contact your local EK Employment Centre to book an appointment to confirm basic eligibility and to discuss additional eligibility criteria that must be satisfied before proceeding.



STEP #2

Successfully participate in all workshops and tasks associated with the Self-Employment Orientation and Assessment phase.



STEP #4

After successfully passing the orientation phase, develop and pitch your business plan while receiving entrepreneurial focused support in group and a one-to-one setting. Some clients may be eligible for financial supports.

STEP #5

Business plans approved to launch will receive ongoing coaching and support from qualified staff who are focused on ensuring the success of your business.



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We work daily to address local labour market needs. How can we help you?