

Eighty percent of the participants who completed this program have found a meaningful career that uses their skills and training.

Will you be our next success story?



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"The program is very helpful to new skilled immigrants. It provides financial as well as moral support to immigrants to enter into their respective profession."

*Harmander S. Jandu
Skills Connect Client, 2009
Trained as a Pharmacist*

*Then: Unemployed
Now: Pharmacy Technician*



"The Skills Connect for Immigrants Program is part of the WelcomeBC umbrella of services, made possible through funding from the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia."

Skills Connect for Immigrants



B.C. has a growing economy and an expanding job market—employers are looking for workers in many different areas. The Government of British Columbia understands that you have the skills, qualifications and experience needed to advance our economy and is working to assist immigrants to obtain employment in B.C.

The Skills Connect for Immigrants Program can help you find that perfect employment fit with an individualized approach, tailored to meet your needs.

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Many B.C. immigrants are skilled and have experience in occupations where there are shortages of qualified workers. Yet, many B.C. immigrants are unemployed or employed outside of their field of expertise. Some of the challenges new immigrants face are a lack of Canadian credentials and Canadian work experience, a limited understanding of the Canadian workplace and its culture, a lack of job specific language skills, and a lack of recognition for their international credentials.

The Skills Connect for Immigrants Program provides immigrants with the resources, support, and expertise they require to attain their career goal in B.C.

Did you know?

- B.C. predicts almost one million job openings by 2018
- Only half of those jobs will be filled by our current population

Fortunately, that means more opportunities for you!

Our program can help you get back to work and use the skills and experience you brought to B.C.!



What is Skills Connect for Immigrants?

Skills Connect for Immigrants Program (Skills Connect) is funded by the B.C. Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development. It is provided by Back in Motion, in collaboration with MOSAIC in the Lower Mainland. Skills Connect helps skilled immigrants move more quickly into jobs that match their skills, experience and knowledge.

Skills Connect assists skilled immigrants to access employment opportunities in **all industry** sectors in British Columbia.

This program addresses two pressing issues currently facing B.C.:

1. Immigrants are often unemployed or underemployed outside of their field of expertise
2. Employers continue to experience a shortage of workers to build a permanent, reliable, and skilled workforce

Eligibility Criteria

You are eligible if you...

- Became a permanent resident of Canada within the last 5 years
- Are unemployed or underemployed
- Have at least intermediate English language skills

How does the program work?

Each client will work one to one with an employment counsellor and a job developer through one or more of the following activities depending on individual needs:

1. Assessment and Individual Action Planning

Assess your skills and background to identify the right career for you in B.C. Develop a personalized employment action plan that outlines all the steps required to attain your career goal.

2. Skill Enhancement Services

Need your B.C. certification or an upgrade to Canada's job requirements? Need to become a member of a professional association or take a course to enhance your skills? Start your employment action plan and access the training you need through Skills Connect.

3. Workplace Orientation and Practice Services

Not sure about the local workplace or how to find a job in your profession? Skills Connect will help you gain valuable insight into Canadian work place culture by connecting you with employers that need your skills. Practice your interviewing skills, access job mentorship or training opportunities, access job leads and find employment. Skills Connect will help you every step of the way.

Why choose us?

Back in Motion and MOSAIC have complementary experience and expertise in helping people find meaningful work and have the solid connections with the employer community to ensure our clients' success.

Since 1992, Back in Motion has been providing innovative solutions to job seekers, employees, employers, and program funders. Our over 100 employees and contractors deliver assessment, pre-employment, employment, and vocational rehabilitation programs and services throughout the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley. Back in Motion has helped thousands of clients enter and re-enter the workforce.

MOSAIC is a multilingual, not-for-profit organization dedicated to serving immigrants and refugees with settlement and integration needs for almost 30 years. Through a wide variety of programs and services MOSAIC helps clients to fully participate in Canadian society.

