



Ministry of Social Development
Employment & Labour Market Services Division

****IMPORTANT****

APPRENTICE PROGRAM CHANGES EFFECTIVE APRIL 2, 2012

Information Only:

If you are thinking about apprenticeship training next year, please note that there will be changes for any courses that begin April 2, 2012 and beyond.

On April 2, 2012, the Province is launching the new Employment Program of British Columbia. This new integrated system of employment supports and services will be delivered through a network of Employment Services Centres (ESCs). All Apprentice supports will be accessible through an ESC.

KEY CHANGES:

1. If you do not have an employer or Union Hiring Hall sponsor, you will be required to obtain employment counselling from an ESC.
2. If you have an employer or Union Hiring Hall sponsor, you will not be required to have employment counselling. However, you must submit an online application for financial supports.
 - **You must apply for financial supports four weeks before your course start date**
 - In exceptional cases, applications can be completed and submitted up to the date you start the course.

Over the coming months further information will be made available. Things to look for will be the listing of Employment Services Centres near you and the link to the online application.

Please continue to visit: <http://www.labourmarketservices.gov.bc.ca/apprenticeships.html>

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