

# Focus on Skills & Trades

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## This Week's Events

**February 25:** [BC Jobs Fair](#)  
Revelstoke, Revelstoke  
Community Centre

**February 26—March 1:**  
[Yes2IT](#) Event—Bulkley Valley

**February 28:** [BC Jobs Fair](#)  
Vernon, Vernon Recreation  
Centre

**Beginning March 1:**  
[Skills Canada BC Regional  
Competitions:](#)

- Central Lower Mainland
- Kootenays
- Northwest Lower  
Mainland
- Vancouver Island South

## Labour Market Information

Check out the [BC Jobs Plan](#) website for some great infographics on population, demographics, and future sector growth for all regions of the province.

Click on the regions for more information:

[Cariboo](#)

[North Coast](#)

[Nechako](#)

[Northeast](#)

Visit the [BC Jobs Plan](#) for infographics on all regions.

## BC Jobs Plan— From Ideas to Action

Last fall, Premier Clark hosted an online conversation, called [Skills for BC](#), to raise awareness of opportunities for building BC's workforce and encourage input from British Columbians.

More than 500 British Columbians contributed to the Skills for BC discussion and almost 200 ideas were submitted. Some ideas were already in motion and helped confirm government's direction; others were new and needed to be assessed for things like cost and feasibility.

Read the growing list of citizen ideas matched to government actions:

<http://www.bcjobsplan.ca/ideas-to-actions/>

## BC Labour Market Information

Labour market information can help job seekers make comparisons when looking for a job or moving to a new place. It can also help business owners identify new markets for their service or product, or to decide where to expand if theirs is a business that requires a high number of workers or workers with a particular skill set.

<http://www.workbc.ca/Statistics/Labour-Market/Pages/Labour-Market.aspx>

## Meet Gordon from SD27



**Gordon Armour** is School District 27's Coordinator of Transition Training and Trades. One of Gordon's responsibilities is managing the ACE-IT program. This program is a partnership between the ITA and BC's Ministry of Education. ACE-IT allows

students to take first-level technical training while receiving high school credits. Gordon's students are given the options of auto service technician, heavy-duty mechanic, welding level C, constructional electrician, and carpentry.

Read about Gordon and his role in the ACE-IT program:

<http://www.bcjobsplan.ca/followprogress/meet-gordon-armour/>

## Discover Trades

Parents, counsellors, educators, and tradespeople gathered Feb. 15 for the first of several Discover Trades conferences.

Read our blog post:

<http://engage.bcedplan.ca/2013/02/>

## Career Profiles

With career profiles, you can get all the details you need about the jobs that interest you.

<https://www.workbc.ca/Careers/Career-Profiles/Pages/>



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