

Focus ^{on} Skills & Trades

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This Week's Events

February 12: BC Jobs Fair—Hope, Hope and District Recreation Centre

February 14: BC Jobs Fair—Osoyoos, Watermark Hotel

February 15: Discover Trades for Teachers and Parents—Vancouver Island, Camosun College

Career Trek

Career Trek showcases videos that highlight popular jobs throughout the province.

Follow two Career Trek hosts as they travel 8,200 km across B.C. to bring a variety of careers to life. Experience careers through 52 videos and learn about the duties, salary, education and employment trends, as well as tips from each guest.

<http://www.careertrekbc.ca>

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 links below for more information on:

[Vancouver Island](#)

[Mainland Vancouver](#)

Visit the BC Jobs Plan for infographics on all regions!

BC Jobs Plan—Check it Out!

Sector Strategies:

The BC Jobs Plan is about building the future for eight key industries:

- [Agrifoods](#)
- [Forestry](#)
- [International Education](#)
- [Mining](#)
- [Natural Gas](#)
- [Technology](#)
- [Tourism](#)
- [Transportation](#)

Read sector strategies for each of these industries, read BC Stories, follow Twitter Chats and watch career profiles videos here:

<http://www.bcjobsplan.ca/industry-sectors/>

Stories of Inspiration and Success:

British Columbians drive BC's economy across every industry sector. From hard-working entrepreneurs to skilled trades people, corporate executives to student innovators, these stories represent our province's economic future

and celebrate the successes of British Columbians.

Liam Kinders has spent the last three summers gaining valuable knowledge about the construction industry as a general labourer for Randhill Construction. Not yet graduated from high school, Liam is well on his way to acquiring his Red Seal Carpentry certification, thanks in large part to the ACE-IT Program.

Read more about Liam and his story [HERE](#).

Cost of Living Calculator



Moving to British Columbia, or planning a move within B.C.? Find vital Cost of Living information using this dynamic and easy-to-use tool. Simply select your location and occupation information and the calculator will display cost of living results for that

location. Our calculator will also compare your estimated expenses with your income to determine if such a move will be affordable based on your lifestyle and family makeup. The tool also allows you to compare different communities or regions to help make informed decisions. <https://www.workbc.ca/Jobs/CostOfLivingCalculator.aspx>

Student Stories

Discover Trades BC is an initiative funded by the BC Government to help provide easy access for secondary students to the many educational opportunities available to them in trades training. Students, parents and educators can discover these opportunities here: <http://www.youtube.com/user/DiscoverTradesBC>



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