

# Focus <sup>on</sup> Skills & Trades



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## Job Trend Tracker and Career Pathfinder

### This Week's Events

**February 19: [BC Jobs Fair](#)** — Kimberley, Conference and Athletic Training Centre

**February 19: [Yes2IT](#) Event** — Victoria

**February 19-20: [Yes2IT](#) Event** - Williams Lake

**February 21: [BC Jobs Fair](#)** — Castlegar, Selkirk College

### Career Explorers

<http://www.careerexplorers.ca>

A 3-D online video game that lets you explore the many career options available in B.C. and its regions. Badges and mini-games make it fun to "travel" the province and learn about different careers.

A great resource for middle school students!

### 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:

[Thompson-Okanagan Region](#)

[Kootenay Region](#)

Visit the BC Jobs Plan for infographics on all regions!

### Job Trend Tracker

The Job Trend Tracker is an interactive tool for exploring B.C. job statistics on more than 500 careers, with outlooks from 2010 to 2020.

Compare statistics and job information by year and region to look ahead and make career decisions.

Find information, like salaries or education needs, on over 500 careers. Use the map to discover which jobs need workers where,

and easily compare different careers with graphs, charts and tables. View jobs trends using an interactive bubble chart.

<http://www.bcjobtrendtracker.ca/lmf/forecast>

### Career Pathfinder

Try our Career Pathfinder tool to visually track a career path and discover educational requirements or similar careers. For instance, if you're wondering what careers a specific education program

will lead to, simply enter in your program and a visual web will appear with branches pointing to potential career options. Or, if you know what career you'd like to have in the future you can trace a path backwards to see what types of schooling are required for that occupation. Experiment with Career Pathfinder to find out where your education can take you!

<https://www.workbc.ca/Job/JobSeekers/CareerExplorer.aspx>

## Show Us Your Skills Contest

Are you a student passionate about the trades? Do you like prizes? If the answer to these questions is yes, then check out this contest! Enter a short video by April 30 showing the trades skills you have or that you want to acquire for a chance to win an Apple computer and cash for your school.

Find contest details and rules here: <http://www.discovertradesbc.ca/videocontest/>

Finalists will be chosen based on number of "likes" from visitors to the Discover Trades BC Facebook video gallery. Voting runs from May 1-June 14. Winners will be selected from the finalists by a panel of celebrity judges.

## 'Get Skills' Tool

A skilled workforce is one of the foundations of the BC Jobs Plan. As part of the Skills and Training Plan, the BC Government created this tool to help future and current tradespersons and employers navigate the programs and resources available in BC.

<http://www.bcjobsplan.ca/getskills/wp-content/themes/careermovesbc/page1.php>



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