



## Job Creation Partnerships

If you are unemployed and looking for meaningful work experience to help you find a full-time job, the Job Creation Partnerships program can help. The main focus of this client-centred employment program is to help participants find work. The program also offers support for local organizations to take on projects that benefit the local community.

### Eligibility Information

To be eligible, you must be unemployed and show that you need work experience to get hired. You must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident legally entitled to work in Canada. As well, you must meet one of the following conditions:

- have a current Employment Insurance (EI) claim
- have had an EI claim that ended within the last five years
- have had an EI claim for maternity or parental benefits within the past five years, then remained out of the job market to care for a newborn or newly adopted child, and now want to re-enter the labour force

### Applying for Job Creation Partnerships by an Individual

Before you can apply for the Job Creation Partnerships program, you must first meet with an employment assistance service provider. They will assign a case manager to you. The case manager will then see if you qualify for the program and tell you about the various employment services you can access.

These services may include

- job market information
- employment needs assessment
- career planning
- employment counselling
- diagnostic assessment
- job search skills
- job finding club
- job placement services
- help making a return-to-work action plan
- case management
- follow-up support

If you and the case manager find that you need work experience to get a permanent job, this will be included in the employment assessment and return-to-work action plan. You can then apply to Employment Nova Scotia for Job Creation Partnerships. Employment Nova Scotia will review your application along with your case manager's assessment and recommendation and your return-to-work action plan.

Please Note:

- The date your fully completed application is received by Employment Nova Scotia will be considered the date that you have asked for help. This date determines whether you qualify within the timeframes outlined in the Eligibility Information section above. If an application is returned to you to have information clarified or added, it will not be considered fully completed until all of the information needed is received.
- While taking part in Job Creation Partnerships, you will receive Employment Insurance benefits or income support benefits at the prevailing wage rate for the occupation up to the current maximum EI rate.
- Project length will vary depending on your work experience needs and the activities that are being performed. However, the longest a project can last is 52 consecutive weeks.
- If you are a person with a disability, you may be able to access financial help to cover all or a portion of the costs related to any special needs.
- Your application must be approved by Employment Nova Scotia before you begin to work on the project activities.

## **Applying to Hire a Participant through Job Creation Partnerships**

Organizations wishing to apply for Job Creation Partnerships should visit our website for up-to-date information on applying. Eligible organizations include municipalities, band/tribal councils, public health and educational institutions, and community groups. Businesses may be eligible in limited circumstances.

To apply for funding, contact Employment Nova Scotia for information on registering for LaMPSS. LaMPSS, or Labour Market Program Support System, is a common system and set of business processes used to run labour market programs. Once registered, employers can submit applications online. Program guidelines are also available on the Employment Nova Scotia website at [www.gov.ns.ca/employmentnovascotia/programs/default.asp](http://www.gov.ns.ca/employmentnovascotia/programs/default.asp). Click on the desired program to read the guidelines.

## **Eligible Project Activities**

Activities that are eligible for consideration must offer valuable work experience for eligible participants. They must have defined start and finish dates, which are determined by the amount of work needed to finish the activity. They must be incremental and distinct, and cannot be part of your day-to-day operations.

## **Job Creation Partnerships Information**

For program-specific information, including a list of employment assistance service providers, visit [www.gov.ns.ca/employmentnovascotia/programs/job-creation-partnerships.asp](http://www.gov.ns.ca/employmentnovascotia/programs/job-creation-partnerships.asp) or call toll-free at 1 (877) 223-0888.

## **About Employment Nova Scotia**

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