



Supports for Individuals

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The Department of Education, Culture & Employment (ECE) delivers programs for individuals, employers, organizations and communities. This fact sheet provides information about our labour and employment programs for individuals.¹

Individual Eligibility

An individual is eligible if they:

- ✓ reside in the NWT;
- ✓ are of school leaving age (16 years or older); and
- ✓ are a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or a protected person as defined by the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*, who is entitled to work in Canada.

Supports for individuals may include tuition and fees, books, living allowance, tools and equipment, travel, child care expenses and support for persons with disabilities.

Additional criteria may apply to those wishing to pursue skills development and self-employment.

¹ Support for these programs is provided through the Canada - Northwest Territories Labour Market Development Agreement and Canada - Northwest Territories Workforce Development Agreement.

Self-Employment Program

The Self-Employment Program provides support to eligible clients with starting a small business. The program is for those starting a new business or taking over an existing business in which they did not have prior ownership in.

The program provides assistance to clients by assessing their business idea, personal suitability, family issues, financial risks, and the resources available or required to be successful.

Skills Development Program

The Skills Development Program provides support for eligible individuals to participate in short-term training opportunities, up to 52 weeks, that upgrade or develop essential employability skills.

Eligible activities include education and training programs that lead to employment and may include:

- academic upgrading
- life skills
- pre-employment training
- skill-specific training
- postsecondary programs
- employment readiness

Want to Learn More?

For additional information on programs available, please contact the ECE Service Centre in your region:

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Sweetgrass Building
177 McDougal Street
1-867-872-7425
*collect calls accepted

Dehcho

Dehcho Regional Education Centre
9802 - 98th Ave
1-867-695-7338
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Beaufort Delta

GNWT Multi-Use Building
106 Veterans Way
1-867-777-7365
Toll Free 1-855-283-9311

South Slave - Hay River

Courthouse Building
8 Capital Drive
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North Slave

Main Floor, Nova Plaza
5019 - 52nd Street
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