

# We are Here to Help

## How do you apply?

Contact your regional ECE Service Centre for more information.

## Contact Us

Regional ECE Service Centres:

**Fort Simpson**.....(867) 695-7338

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**Fort Smith**.....(867) 872-7425

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**Hay River**.....(867) 874-5050

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**Inuvik**.....(867) 777-7365

GNWT Multi-use Building

**Norman Wells**.....(867) 587-7157

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in another official language, call us.

## Self-Employment

*Helping you start a business*

The Self-Employment program provides the help of a business expert and financial assistance to **unemployed individuals who are not eligible for Employment Insurance** and to **eligible employed individuals who want to start a business.**



## Am I Eligible?

### To be eligible, you must:

- Possess the specific skills and abilities for the proposed business
- Be approved for the program prior to starting your business activity
- Be either:
  - Unemployed and ineligible for Employment Insurance benefits
  - Employed and “under-skilled,” which may include individuals who do not have a high school diploma or recognized certification

## Client Responsibilities

### You will be expected to:

- Work at least 30 hours per week on your business
- Attend business information and orientation sessions as required
- Contribute equity into the business. The amount will be determined with your assigned business expert and will vary depending on your needs

A business expert will be assigned to you and will help you to develop a detailed business plan.

## Financial Assistance

### Financial assistance may include:

- Travel costs
- Living allowance
- Tuition and/or course costs
- Childcare costs
- Special equipment costs
- Special supports costs if you are a person with a disability

Any earnings you receive from another source while you are in the Self-Employment program will be deducted from your Self-Employment financial assistance.

