

Incentives and Supports for Apprentices

The following incentives and supports are available for apprentices through the provincial and federal government:

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| Apprenticeship Incentive Grant (AIG) | <p>AIG is a taxable grant of \$1000 per year or level, up to a maximum of \$2000 per person. It is available to apprentices once they have completed their first and/or second level of apprenticeship classroom training and have been registered as an apprentice for one or two years in a designated Red Seal trade.</p> | <p>Service Canada 1-866-742-3644 www.servicecanada.gc.ca/apprenticeship</p> |
| Apprenticeship Completion Grant (ACG) | <p>ACG is a taxable grant of \$2000 for registered apprentices who complete their apprenticeship training and obtain their journeyman certification in a designated Red Seal trade.</p> | <p>Service Canada 1-866-742-3644 www.servicecanada.gc.ca/apprenticeship</p> |
| Tradesperson Tool Deduction | <p>Tradesperson Tool Deduction provides employed tradespersons and apprentice mechanics with an annual deduction of up to \$500 to help cover the cost of “eligible” tools necessary to the trade.</p> | <p>Revenue Canada http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/nwsrm/txtps/2008/tt080128-eng.html</p> |
| Loans for Tools | <p>Loans for Tools offers new apprentices an interest free loan which can be used for any expenses. Amount depends on sector:</p> | <p>MTCU Loans for Tools 1-800-313-1746 http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/training/apprenticeship/loantool.html</p> |
| Apprenticeship Completion Bonus in Non-Red Seal Trade | <p>Apprenticeship Completion Bonus in a Non-Red Seal Trade is a one-time \$2000 taxable benefit given to apprentices who complete apprenticeship training and receive certification in a non-Red Seal trade.</p> | <p>To find out whether your trade is Red Seal or Non-Red Seal: Employment Ontario Hotline 1-800-387-5656</p> |
| Support to Non-EI Eligible Apprentices | <p>The Non-EI eligible support provides grants of up to \$1500 of taxable financial supports to help reimburse non-EI eligible apprentices who attend full time classroom training.</p> | <p>Employment Ontario Hotline 1-800-387-5656</p> |
| In-School Supports | <p>Financial assistance may be available for EI-eligible apprentices attending full-time classroom training.</p> | <p>Employment Ontario Hotline 1-800-387-5656</p> |
| Ontario Technological Skills Competition | <p>An annual Skilled Trades competition. Registered apprentices under 29 years of age may submit a nomination form to their local MTCU office.</p> | <p>For eligibility information or to obtain a nomination form visit: www.skillsontario.com</p> |
| Canada Apprentice Loan | <p>Apply for up to \$4,000 in interest-free loans per period of technical training. The money will be available to you to help pay for tuition, tools, equipment and living expenses, to cover forgone wages or to help support your family.</p> | <p>Government of Canada http://www.esdc.gc.ca/en/support_apprentices/loans.page</p> |



Employment Ontario Kitchener-Waterloo-Cambridge-Guelph-Wellington-Dufferin

The following **Employment Ontario Service Providers** and **Literacy and Basic Skills Providers** are available in your community and may be able to provide additional supports and financial assistance to apprentices:

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| <p>Anishnabeg Outreach Employment & Training Inc. 151 Frederick Street, Unit 501 Kitchener, ON N2H 2M2 519-742-0300 or 1-866-888-8808 www.anishnabegoutreach.org</p> | <p>Anishnabeg Outreach Employment & Training Inc. 176 Wyndham Street (lower level) Guelph, ON N1H 6H7 519-763-5292 www.anishnabegoutreach.org</p> | <p>Lutherwood 165 King Street East Kitchener, ON N2G 2K8 519-743-2460 35 Dickson Street, Cambridge, ON N1R 7A6 519-623-9380 www.lutherwood.ca</p> | <p>Lutherwood 30 Wyndham Street Guelph, ON N1H 4E5 519-822-4141 or 1-866-321-4141 www.lutherwood.ca</p> | <p>Upper Grand District School Board 104-28 Mill Street Orangeville, ON L9W 2M2 519-938-9447</p> |
| <p>Cambridge Career Connections 40 Ainslie Street South Cambridge, ON N1R 3K1 519-622-0815 www.cambridgecareerconnections.com</p> | <p>Georgian College 22 Centennial Road Orangeville, ON L9W 1P8 519-940-0331 ext.5664</p> | <p>Employment Services-Region of Waterloo 235 King Street East, Kitchener, ON N2G 2K8 519-883-2101 x5655 150 Main Street, Cambridge, ON N1R 1W5 519-883-2101 ext. 5655</p> | <p>The Canadian Hearing Society 120 Ottawa Street North, Suite 200 Kitchener, ON N2H 3K5 519-744-6811 or 519-744-6901 Email: whughes@chs.ca</p> | <p>The Working Centre 58 Queen Street South Kitchener, ON N2G 1V6 519-743-1151 www.theworkingcentre.org</p> |
| <p>Conestoga College 108 University Avenue East Waterloo, ON N2L 3E2 519-885-0300 x5226 285 Weber Street North, Waterloo, ON N2J 3H8 519-772-4605 waterloocareercentre@conestogac.on.ca</p> | <p>Bridging Employment Supports and Links to Work 147 Wyndham Street Guelph, ON N1H 4E9 519-749-3700 ext. 368 or 1-866-387-6660 ext. 368</p> | <p>Bridging Employment Supports and Links to Work 67 King Street East Kitchener, ON N2G 2K4 519-749-3700 ext. 361 or 1-866-387-6660 ext. 368 3-9 Wellington Street, Cambridge, ON N1R 3Y4 519-749-3700 ext. 368 or 1-866-387-6660 ext. 368</p> | <p>2nd Chance Employment Counselling 177 Norfolk Street Guelph, ON N1H 4K1 519-823-2440 Stone Road Mall, 2nd floor Guelph, ON N1G 2X6 519-823-2818 160 St. David Street South, Unit 104 Fergus, ON N1M 2J8 519-843-5513 or 1-800-478-0951 www.2ndchance.ca</p> | <p>Centre for Career and Employment Services Georgian College 51 Townline Orangeville, ON L9W 1V1 519-942-9986 www.dufferinjobs.com</p> |
| <p>Agilec (Northern Lights) 392 Main Street North Mount Forest, ON N0G 2L1 519-323-4540 or 1-800-361-4642 380 St. Andrew Street West Fergus, ON N1M 1N9 519-787-9333 or 1-800-361-4642 www.northern.lightscanada.ca</p> | <p>Northern Lights 185 Weber Street South Waterloo, ON N2J 2B1 519-576-2681 www.northernlightscanada.ca</p> | <p>YMCA Employment Services 800 King Street West Kitchener, ON N2G 1E6 519-579-9622 258 Hespeler Road, Cambridge, ON N1R 3H3 519-621-1621 www.ymcacrosscultural.ca</p> | <p>Project READ Literacy Network To find out more about literacy programs to help improve reading, writing and math skills contact: 124 Sydney St. S. Kitchener, ON N2G 3V2 519-570-3054 Email: Info@projectread.ca</p> | |

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