

Self-Employment Program

Program

- provides clients with formal instruction in business plan development, one-to-one business counselling, coaching, guidance and follow-up during business plan implementation.

Clients

- people who are unemployed and in need of self-employment training to participate in the labour market. Participants must have a viable idea for starting a new business or taking over an existing business. They must demonstrate a personal commitment (cash or capital) toward the business and develop/implement a business plan.

Services

- formal instruction in business plan development
- one-to-one business counselling
- coaching and guidance
- follow-up and advice during business plan implementation

People who are receiving Employment Insurance (EI) benefits will continue to receive benefits as appropriate, and may also be eligible for additional needs-based grant assistance for training and living expenses to participate in the program if their EI benefits run out. People who receive Alberta Works Income Support may also be eligible for needs-based grant assistance.

Normally, assistance for training and living costs will be available for up to 26 weeks.

To access the program or for more information:

Click: www.gov.ab.ca/hre/sep

Call: The Career Information Hotline at 1-800-661-3753. In Edmonton call 422-4266

Come in: Canada-Alberta Service Centres and Alberta Service Centres are located throughout the province. Call 310-0000 toll-free or visit www.alis.gov.ab.ca/career/cs/abcareer.asp for the nearest centre.

For more career-related information:

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