

Alberta Human Resources and Employment the people & workplace department

Alberta Works

The goal of Alberta Works is to help unemployed people find and keep jobs, help low-income Albertans cover their basic costs of living, and help employers meet their need for skilled workers.

Different people have different needs. That's why Alberta Works includes a number of different ways to help.

Employment and Training Services

Albertans want to work and employers need to fill job vacancies. Employment and Training Services helps by providing: up-to-date career, workplace and labour market information; career planning and job-search assistance; and job order bank and job placement services.

Employment and Training Services also assists adults to get the academic upgrading, language courses or job skills training they need to find and keep a job.

Training for work can take place at the workplace in partnership with employers, or in the classroom in partnership with colleges, technical institutes and private training providers. The cost of tuition, books and supplies is covered for those who are eligible.

Income Support

Alberta Works provides Income Support to Albertans who do not have the resources to meet basic needs. People in three general situations may qualify:

- people who are looking for work, unable to work in the short-term, or working and need short-term assistance
- people who need academic upgrading or training so they can get a job

- people who have difficulty working because of chronic mental or physical health problems or because of multiple barriers to employment.

The level of assistance depends on each individual's situation, including financial resources, special needs, ability to work and the number of children in the family.

Health Benefits

Through Alberta Works, people who are eligible for Income Support receive a health benefits card for themselves and their dependants. The card covers premium-free Alberta Health Care Insurance, dental care, eye care and glasses, prescription drugs, essential diabetic supplies and emergency ambulance services.

Some people who leave income support continue to receive health benefits through the Alberta Adult Health Benefit, which covers them and their dependants.

Children living in low-income families are eligible for premium-free health benefits through the Alberta Child Health Benefit. Parents must apply to receive this health coverage for their children.

Child Support Services

Obtaining child support payments can make a big difference to low-income families. Alberta Works helps single parents and parents living in blended families get the legal agreements or court orders they need to obtain child support.

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