

# Labour Market Resources – Self-employment and Entrepreneurial Websites (2008)

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## **Aboriginal Business Network**

<http://www.firstbusiness.ca/home.htm>

This site offer information for those First Nations and Aboriginal people interested in starting their own business.

## **Arrive BC**

<http://www.arrivebc.com/>

This site describes a funded initiative that helps skilled immigrants move into jobs that match their experience and background, focusing on the construction and transportation industry.

## **AARP.org – Self-Employment Section**

<http://www.aarp.org/money/careers/selfemployment/>

AARP.org presents a variety of interesting self-employment articles.

## **Association of Internet Marketing and Skills (AIMS)**

<http://www.aimscanada.com/>

AIMS helps business professionals effectively leverage the use of the Internet in their day-to-day business.

## **At Work At Home**

[http://books.google.ca/books?id=8CKeD\\_xCqPUC&printsec=frontcover](http://books.google.ca/books?id=8CKeD_xCqPUC&printsec=frontcover)

Contains an e-book "At work at Home: Design Ideas for Your Home Work place" by Neil Zimmerman, which provides information about creating a workspace for your home business.

## **BC Business Registry**

<http://www.bcbusinessregistry.ca/introduction/index.htm>

The "OneStop" Business Registry where you can do the most commonly required business registrations and transactions in BC.

## **BC Education – Self-Employment**

[http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/careers/planning/plan/parents/transit/self\\_emp.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/careers/planning/plan/parents/transit/self_emp.htm)

Brief series of career planning links for people involved in career planning and self-employment considerations.

## **BC Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance – Self Employment Program**

[http://www.gov.bc.ca/meia/online\\_resource/employment\\_strategy\\_for\\_persons\\_with\\_disabilities/sep/](http://www.gov.bc.ca/meia/online_resource/employment_strategy_for_persons_with_disabilities/sep/)

The Self-Employment Program (SEP) is intended to assist BCEA clients who either have the Persons with Disabilities (PWD) designation, or meet the Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers (PPMB) criteria in establishing and operating a self-employment enterprise.

## **BC Stats: Feature Article on Immigrants Boost Self-Employment in B.C.**

<http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/pubs/sbq/sbq97q1.pdf>

An interesting article on how Immigrants boost self-employment In British Columbia.

## **BC Stats – Small Business Publication**

[http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/bus\\_stat/busind/sm\\_bus.asp](http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/bus_stat/busind/sm_bus.asp)

This publication is a guide designed to help entrepreneurs research and plan their new business.

## **BC Stats – Report on Small Business – Small Business Profile 2007**

[http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/bus\\_stat/busind/sm\\_bus/SBP2007.pdf](http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/bus_stat/busind/sm_bus/SBP2007.pdf)

A valuable report on the essential contributions that small business make across BC.

## **BCIT Self-Employment Program – Venture Development Centre**

<http://www.bcit.ca/venture>

Describes the program for self-employment offered through BCIT and sponsored by Service Canada.

## **Be The Boss**

<http://www.betheboss.ca>

A Canadian resource to find franchises and business opportunities in Canada. Self-employment through franchising allows you to be in business for yourself, but not by yourself.

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## **Be Your Own Boss**

<http://www.beyourownboss.org>

A resource link provided by the BC Urban Entrepreneur Development Association (BCUEDA). It is designed to help new entrepreneurs by providing resources and direction for those starting their own business. It includes links to self-employment programs offered in the Greater Vancouver area, such as at BCIT, Langara College, and Westcoast Community Enterprise. These programs are sponsored through Service Canada.

## **BIZMap Area Market Profiles for Vancouver Area**

<http://www.bizmapbc.com/>

A source for neighbourhood and commercial area information describing Vancouver's Business Improvement Areas.

## **Business Development Center – Business Registration in BC**

[http://www.bdc-canada.com/BDC/Corporate/Business\\_Registration\\_BC.htm?gclid=CKT0mvuG6JICFQEhgwodjB9v4Q](http://www.bdc-canada.com/BDC/Corporate/Business_Registration_BC.htm?gclid=CKT0mvuG6JICFQEhgwodjB9v4Q)

The Business Development Centre is a Canadian owned company providing a wide range of services to entrepreneurs. It specializes in business registration and Incorporation services including for Non-for-Profit and Charitable organizations.

## **Business Plans & Advice**

<http://www.bplans.com/>

Contains the largest single collection of free sample business plans online. It also has helpful tools and know-how for managing your business. There is practical advice on planning, interactive tools, and a panel of experts.

## **Canada Business**

<http://www.canadabusiness.ca/ibp/>

This site supports an online interactive business planner.

## **Canada Business – Business Start-up Assistant**

<http://www.bsa.canadabusiness.ca/gol/bsa/site.nsf>

The Service Canada website for business start up information and other resources.

## **Canada Business – Sample Business Plan**

[http://www.canadabusiness.ca/servlet/ContentServer?cid=1102940230990&pagename=OSBW%2FCBSC\\_WebPage%2FCBSC\\_WebPage\\_Temp&c=CBSC\\_WebPage](http://www.canadabusiness.ca/servlet/ContentServer?cid=1102940230990&pagename=OSBW%2FCBSC_WebPage%2FCBSC_WebPage_Temp&c=CBSC_WebPage)

Presents a sample business plan that can be used as a reference or guide when preparing your business plan.

## **Canada Business – Starting a Business**

<http://www.canadabusiness.ca/gol/cbec/site.nsf/en/bg00328.html>

A government website providing the necessary tools required to start up a business, including a list of the most consulted programs and services.

## **Canada Business Services for Entrepreneurs**

[http://www.canadabusiness.ca/servlet/ContentServer?c=Finance&cid=1081944191781&pagename=CBSC\\_FE/display&lang=en](http://www.canadabusiness.ca/servlet/ContentServer?c=Finance&cid=1081944191781&pagename=CBSC_FE/display&lang=en)

This site offers information on how to start a business, what financing options are available to you, how to import/export, and other related information.

## **Canada Business Services for Entrepreneurs – Business Plans**

<http://www.canadabusiness.ca/gol/cbec/site.nsf/en/index.html>

Contains business planning software that assists entrepreneurs to prepare a three-year business plan for their new or existing business.

## **Canadian Careers**

<http://www.canadiancareers.com/smallbusiness.html>

A source for small business owners to obtain resources that will get them started in a small business.

## **Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work – Self-employment**

[Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work - Self-Employment](http://www.canadiancouncilonrehabilitationandwork.ca/self-employment)

Provides self-Employment job postings and opportunities, articles and information, work accommodation information for people with disabilities, and work search tips.

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## **Canadian Foundation for Economic Education**

<http://www.mvp.cfee.org/>

Designed for young entrepreneurs, this site offers information about mentors, venture planning, courses and programs, groups and associations.

## **Canadian Home Based Working Moms Canada**

<http://www.hbwmcanada.com>

Step-by-step guide of how to start a business for mothers working out of their home. Site includes labour market information.

## **Canadian Mental Health Association, Vancouver-Burnaby Branch (CMHA-VB), Self-Employment Services**

<http://vancouver-burnaby.cmha.bc.ca/services/ses/selfemploy>

The Self-Employment Program at CMHA-VB supports mental health consumers who are interested in starting a sole proprietorship.

## **Career Center (Parksville) Self-Employment**

<http://www.careercentre.org/Services/SelfEmployment.asp>

This career centre provides information about and links to local services, provincial services, national services, and other self employment links.

## **City of Vancouver – Community Services**

<http://www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/commsvcs/licandinsp/licences/business/index.htm>

A guide to the business license application process in the City of Vancouver.

## **Douglas College Self Employment Program**

<http://selfemployment.douglas.bc.ca/>

This self-employment program offers practical training, business advice and group support to help you develop the skills and knowledge you need to start and operate a successful business.

## **Gaebler Ventures**

<http://www.gaebler.com/becoming-an-entrepreneur.htm>

A website for people who are interested in starting a small business. It covers how to be successful with good planning and preparation and how to evaluate your strengths and weaknesses in relation to business.

## **Industry Canada – Businesses**

[http://www.ic.gc.ca/epic/site/ic1.nsf/en/h\\_00140e.html](http://www.ic.gc.ca/epic/site/ic1.nsf/en/h_00140e.html)

A comprehensive listing of Canadian business tools and resources.

## **Job Bank - Explore Self Employment**

[http://www.jobsetc.ca/category\\_drilldown.jsp?crumb=1&crumb=36&category\\_id=109](http://www.jobsetc.ca/category_drilldown.jsp?crumb=1&crumb=36&category_id=109)

Explore self-employment as a career option and obtain all the information you need to start a business. Provides a comprehensive series of links to business tools and resources.

## **Kwantlen Self-Employment Program**

[http://www.kwantlen.bc.ca/business/self\\_employment.html](http://www.kwantlen.bc.ca/business/self_employment.html)

Describes Kwantlen's Self-Employment Access Program, which is sponsored by Service Canada.

## **Langara College (EASE) Self-Employment Program**

<http://www.langara.bc.ca/cs/ease/>

Presents Langara's Self-Employment Program, which is designed to assist people on employment insurance benefits to successfully start and operate their own business.

## **Lower Mainland Employment Resources**

<http://www.lmer.ca/selfemp.asp>

A comprehensive list of self-employment programs in the Lower Mainland of BC that are sponsored/funded by the federal government.

## **SaskNetWork (Saskatchewan) Entrepreneurs Website**

<http://www.sasknetwork.gov.sk.ca/jsp/entrepreneurs.jsp>

Links to articles regarding self-employment, including a self-employment self-assessment tool.

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## Self Employment Entrepreneur and Development Society (SEEDS)

<http://www.seedsbdc.com/>

This society in Surrey, BC, offers two programs: general self-employment and immigrant self-employment. The programs provide assistance to clients as they begin and grow their businesses.

## Self-Employment - Entrepreneurial Traits Quiz

<http://www.mazemaster.on.ca/selfemployment/traits.htm>

There are some common traits that are associated with successful entrepreneurs. Discover whether you have what it takes to be your own boss by taking this quiz.

## Self-Employment Program at Canada Business

[http://www.canadabusiness.ca/servlet/ContentServer?c=Finance&cid=1081944191781&pagename=CBSC\\_FE/display&lang=en](http://www.canadabusiness.ca/servlet/ContentServer?c=Finance&cid=1081944191781&pagename=CBSC_FE/display&lang=en)

A list of eligibility criteria for self-employment benefits for programs through Service Canada.

## Self Employment - Is It For Me?

<http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/pdf/cshop/self-employment.pdf>

This resource is written by the Alberta Government for the individuals considering self-employment. Learn how the changing workplace creates self-employment opportunities.

## Seneca Career Resources – Deciding to Start Your Own Business

<http://learn.senecac.on.ca/careers/entrepreneur/entrepreneurism.html>

Contains career decision-making assessment tools and tests for entrepreneurs.

## Service Canada – Persons with Disabilities Online

[http://www.pwd-online.ca/pwdlist.jsp?&lang=en&fontsize=0&cat=4\\_56&geo=2](http://www.pwd-online.ca/pwdlist.jsp?&lang=en&fontsize=0&cat=4_56&geo=2)

Provides information regarding people with disabilities and potential self-employment opportunities.

## Service Canada – Self-Employment

[http://www1.servicecanada.gc.ca/en/epb/sid/cia/grants/self-emp/desc\\_self-emp.shtml](http://www1.servicecanada.gc.ca/en/epb/sid/cia/grants/self-emp/desc_self-emp.shtml)

Provides information about Service Canada's self-employment program and eligibility criteria..

## Small Business BC

<http://www.smallbusinessbc.ca/>

Created in 1993 as a federal/provincial partnership and then transformed into a not-for-profit Society in 2002, Small Business BC is British Columbia's key resource centre for business information and services.

## Small Business BC – Business Start-up Introduction

<http://www.smallbusinessbc.ca/bizstart-intro.php>

Step-by-step guide of how to start a business in BC.

## Small Business Ideas (from About.com)

[http://sbinfoCanada.about.com/od/businessideas/Small\\_Business\\_Ideas.htm](http://sbinfoCanada.about.com/od/businessideas/Small_Business_Ideas.htm)

This site provides articles and ideas for small business startup, including home-based business ideas.

## Small Business Loans in Canada

[http://sbinfoCanada.about.com/od/smallbizloans/Small\\_Business\\_Loans\\_Canada.htm](http://sbinfoCanada.about.com/od/smallbizloans/Small_Business_Loans_Canada.htm)

How and where can you get a small business loan? Here are sources of small business loans in Canada, including Canadian government small business loan programs and sources of start up loans.

## SOHO (Small Office Home Office)

<http://www.soho.ca/>

Supports small and medium businesses by providing networking opportunities with other businesses. SOHO is a national lead generation and marketing company focused on providing valuable tools, resources, special events and event management services to the business marketplace.

## The Entrepreneurship Centre

<http://www.entrepreneurship.com/>

The Entrepreneurship Centre is an initiative dedicated to helping Ottawa entrepreneurs make educated decisions about starting and growing their businesses. This site contains some helpful resources, such as a comprehensive report on how to write an effective business plan, which can be accessed directly at:

<http://www.entrepreneurship.com/tools/pdf/businessPlanWorkbook.pdf>

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## **The Guide to the BC Economy and Labour Market**

[http://www.guidetobceconomy.org/new\\_economy/creating\\_own\\_job.htm](http://www.guidetobceconomy.org/new_economy/creating_own_job.htm)

This section of the Guide explains what self-employment is and provides information about numbers of people involved in self-employment.

## **The JobPro Business Directory**

<http://www.jobprodirectory.com/resources.html>

This resource represents a comprehensive database of job search and small business resources in British Columbia.

## **The New FrontCounter BC**

<http://www.frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca/#whatis>

The new FrontCounter BC centres simplify the process for small-to-medium-sized natural resource businesses starting up or already operating in British Columbia.

## **Western Canada Business Network**

[http://www.wd.gc.ca/99\\_ENG\\_ASP.asp](http://www.wd.gc.ca/99_ENG_ASP.asp)

The Western Canada Business Network consists of several integrated organizations that provide entrepreneurs with services and resources to help Western Canadians start, grow and expand their businesses.

## **Western Canadian Family Care Association of BC**

<http://www.cfc-efc.ca/wcfcca/caregiverinfo.html>

Provides a list of regulations for starting your own daycare and licensing information.

## **Western Economic Diversification Canada**

[http://www.wd.gc.ca/default\\_e.asp](http://www.wd.gc.ca/default_e.asp)

Western Economic Diversification Canada works to strengthen western innovation, entrepreneurship and community economic development.

## **Women's Enterprise Centre**

<http://www.wes.bc.ca/>

The Women's Enterprise Centre is BC's leading resources to assist women with their business ideas.

## **Vancouver Economic Development – Data Center**

[http://www.vancouvereconomic.com/tools\\_programs/small\\_business\\_info.htm](http://www.vancouvereconomic.com/tools_programs/small_business_info.htm)

Provides a list of the online resources to help plan, start and operate your small business.

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