

Aboriginal Skills Employment & Training Services (ASETS)

ASETS receives funds from Human Resources & Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) to provide training and employment opportunities to Aboriginal people within the Central Interior of British Columbia.

The objective of the ASETS agreement is to:

1. Increase Aboriginal participation in the Canadian Labour Market.
2. Strengthen and facilitate flexible programming that meets the unique and varied needs of Aboriginal people and employers.
3. Provide employers with skilled workers.

ASETS Service Areas and Listing of Our 30 First Nation Bands:

ASETS SERVICE AREAS:

- Lillooet
 - Chase
 - **Ashcroft**
 - Salmon Arm
 - **Kamloops**
 - Clearwater
 - Barriere
 - Revelstoke
 - Cache Creek
 - Savona
 - Enderby
 - Clinton
 - **Lytton**
 - **Merritt**
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30 FIRST NATION BANDS SERVICED:

- Adams Lake Indian Band
- **Ashcroft Indian Band**
- Bonaparte Indian Band
- Boothroyd Indian Band
- Bridge River Indian Band
- Cayoose Creek Indian Band
- **Cold Water Indian Band**

- **Cook's Ferry Indian Band**
 - High Bar Indian Band
 - Kanaka Bar Indian Band
 - Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band
 - Lower Nicola Indian Band
 - Lytton First Nation
 - Neskonlith Indian Band
 - **Nicomen Indian Band**
 - **Nooaitch Indian Band**
 - Oregon Jack Creek Band
 - Pavilion First Nation
 - Seton Lake Band
 - **Shackan Indian Band**
 - Simpcw First Nation
 - **Siska Indian Band**
 - Skeetchestn Indian Band
 - Skuppah Indian Band
 - Splotsín First Nation
 - T'it'q'et First Nation
 - Tk'emlups te Secwepemc
 - Upper Nicola Indian Band
 - Whispering Pines/Clinton Indian Band
 - Xaxli'p
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We have 5 Employment Offices Across Central Interior BC:

Ashcroft ASETS Office

Address: 411 Brink Street, Ashcroft BC V0K 1A0

Telephone: 1-250-453-0093

Merritt ASETS Office

Address: 2051 D Voght St Merritt, BC V1K 1B8

Telephone: 1-250-378-0126

Kamloops ATEC Office

Address: 144 Briar Avenue, Kamloops, BC V2B 1C1

Telephone: 1-250-554-4556

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Lillooet ASETS Office

Address: 86 7th Avenue, Lillooet, BC V0K 1V0

Telephone: 1-250-256-0293

Chase ASETS Office

Address: 734 1st Ave Chase, BC V0E 1M0

Telephone: 1-250-679-2348

Programs We Offer:

Summer Student Program

- To assist eligible students to prepare for future entry into labour market
- Program focuses on providing work experience and developmental learning for in school youth through the provision of a wage subsidy to employers

Eligible Participants:

- Must be First Nations
- Should be a minimal 15 years of age by May 1st of the current year and returning to school
- Secondary and post-secondary students must be registered full time students during previous academic year and intend to return to school full time in the following academic year
- Must not have another full time summer job
- Must have a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of the program
- Employers are to avoid hiring the same students for the same positions in consecutive years
- Hiring must be done in a fair and equitable manner providing equal opportunity to those interested in the position. Students cannot be supervised by their immediate family members.

Direct Purchase Program

- To provide funding for eligible participants who may attend institutional training from public or registered private institutions for various accredited vocational training programs.

Eligible Participants:

- The client must be status/non status/Inuit, living on or off reserve within the ASETS catchment area.
- Have met with a ASETS employment counselor, to complete a “long term vocational application package”, which will include:
- Is the client un or under employed (working less than 20 hours per week).
- The client must complete and sign the Personal Information Form (PIF) and Client Consent (CC) form.
- Has the client completed high school, have they been out of school for at least two years
- National Occupational Classification (NOC) linked to employment

Target Wage Subsidy Program

- To provide an employment opportunity for an unemployed eligible participant who requires assistance to overcome existing or anticipated labour market barriers. This opportunity may lead to continued employment with the sponsor
- To provide a wage subsidy, employment related costs and related training dollars for an unemployed eligible participant
- Sponsors will offer likely hood of long term employment or sustainable employment

Eligible Participants:

- Must be First Nations
- Must be working age
- Long term unemployed (3 months or more)
- No longer required by law to attend school
- Participant may have marketable skills but lack work experience in area in which the work experience and/or training will occur

Demand Driven/ /Project Based Training Program

- To provide on & off the job training for eligible participants who face serious difficulties securing and maintaining employment.

Eligible Participants:

- For 5 or more eligible participants
- Must be First Nations/Inuit
- Must be working age
- Must be long-term unemployed (3 months or more)
- No longer required by law to attend school
- PBT is designed for participants at risk of facing long term of recurring unemployment
- Participants who would like to learn new techniques for seeking and finding a job, those who want to upgrade education levels or learn new work skills

If you have any questions about the programs and employment opportunities we offer, please contact us at tel: 1-844-471-8204 or visit us at any of our five locations (listed above).

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