# Get the workers you need











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#### **COAA** Workforce Development Vision

Construction Industry has the access to a workforce with:

- The right skills
- At the right time
- In the right numbers
- With Right Supervision
- Supply = Demand











# Get the Canada-Alberta Job Grant Working for You

- COAA Workforce Development
- Canada Alberta Job Grant supplements training investment
- Training Opportunities
- Employer Perspective

















# Canada-Alberta Job Grant Introduction & Eligibility Criteria

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# Introduction

#### Overview

- The Canada-Alberta Job Grant funds employer-demanded training.
- Employers determine
  - what training is needed to meet business goals and objectives
  - who will be trained
- The employer-driven program ensures the training reflects skills employers are looking for.











#### Objective

- The Canada-Alberta Job Grant will help increase:
  - employer investment in training
  - productivity
  - worker skills
  - worker retention











#### Process at a glance

Before you apply

- 1. Identify employee training needs
- 2. Select a training provider

Application process

3. Submit application

4. Receive decision and reference #

Training and reimbursement

- 5. Pay for and begin training
- 6. Submit reimbursement form and all training receipts
- 7. Receive partial reimbursement

Success! You have a skilled employee

- 8. Employee gets training credential
- 9. Submit completion form
- Receive remainder of reimbursement











# Eligibility Criteria

## Eligible Employers

 Open to private and non-profit sector employers in Alberta









### Eligible Trainees

- Eligible trainees
  - New or existing employees
  - Canadian citizens, permanent residents
- Ineligible trainees
  - Temporary Foreign Workers, those with temporary work permits and students here on study visas
  - Immediate family members









# Eligible Training Providers

- Third-party, unrelated to the employer
- Cannot be the organization that will employ the trainee











### Eligible Costs

- Only direct training costs are eligible
  - Tuition fees or fees charged by training provider
  - Mandatory student fees
  - Textbooks, software and other required materials
  - Examination fees











## Eligible Training

- Short-term, incremental training
  - Minimum 24 hours per trainee \*NEW
  - Courses may be "bundled" for 24 hour minimum
  - Completed within a 52-week period <u>after</u> the training start date
- No restriction on learning type or learning method
  - Part-time, Full-time, On-site, classroom and online learning are all eligible
- Must result in some sort of credential
  - e.g., record of completion, mark, certificate, industry-recognized credential
- Apprenticeship training is NOT eligible











#### **Grant Process**

#### **Application Forms**

- Employer will access forms on the Canada-Alberta Job Grant Website
  - AlbertaCanada.com/jobgrant
- Forms must be printed, signed, and submitted by mail



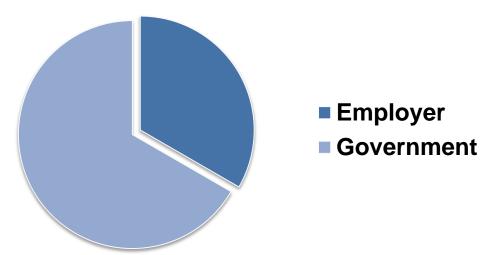






## **Program Funding Model**

- The employer will cover a minimum of ½ and the grant will cover \(^2\square\) of training costs
- Maximum \$10,000 of grant funding per trainee









#### Caps on Employers

- Individual employers will be capped at \$300,000 of grant funding per fiscal year (Apr-Mar)
- Maximum of \$10,000 per trainee per fiscal year











#### Reimbursement & Completion

- Employers pay the full cost of training
- Government refunds ¾ of approved training costs in two equal payments
  - 1/3 of training costs deposited when employer submits all training receipts
  - ⅓ of training costs deposited after training completion form submitted









#### Let's Look at an Example

- Pat's Industrial needs to recruit 5 Foreperson.
- Job applicants will need some skills training (eg. Supervision and Safety), from an external provider to allow them to get the job.
- > Cost of training = \$1,500 per worker
- ightharpoonup Cost of training 5 workers = \$1,500 x 5 = \$7,500
- $\rightarrow$  Grant pays 2/3 = \$5,000
- $\triangleright$  Pat pays 1/3 = \$2,500











#### **Another Example**

- 1 trainee \$17,000
- $\frac{2}{3}$  (\$17,000) = \$11,333
  - However, Grant max/trainee = \$10,000
- Employer pays remainder \$7,000







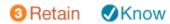


#### Help for Employers

- Applicant guide, FAQ's and instructional videos at AlbertaCanada.com/jobgrant
- Workforce Consultants are available to help employers with questions about the applications.
- Email jobgrant@gov.ab.ca









#### Common Questions

#### Questions:

Timeline for Approval - 30 days

#### Reminders:

- Fill out all required information on the forms
- Do not submit for training that has already been paid for or the training has already started
- Courses under 24 hours are ineligible











#### Alberta Workforce Information

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## Thank You!

### Utilizing the CAJG

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#### **Employer Perspective**

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#### **Question and Answer**









