

Facts About...

Second Career

Second Career provides career planning and financial support specially designed to help laid-off Ontarians participate in long-term training for a new job.

To be eligible to apply clients must

- have been laid off since January 2005
- still be unemployed or in interim job since lay-off
- want to retrain for a career that's in demand

Clients apply to

- Employment Ontario Assessment Centre

Successful applicants are

- individuals who will benefit most from training to find work
- laid off and actively looking for work for a long time
- workers previously employed in a long-term job in an industry with little future opportunity
- individuals planning to train in a job that is in high demand in their community and requires credentials or licences
- grade 12 graduates or less, or have post-secondary education that is not recognized in Ontario
- workers in a current job or skill set has no employment opportunity

Clients may be required to provide \$\$\$ towards training – dependent on financial situation.

Clients must

- complete a training plan
- attend training consistently

Some of the costs Second Career covers includes

- tuition
- accommodation
- food
- phone, internet charges

- heat and hydro
- transportation
- dependent care

Second Career Training allows upgrading for

- up to one year to raise skills or gain prerequisite courses for entry into employment training programs

If not Second Career eligible, Ontario Skills Development allows for

- up to six months of upgrading

Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) as part of Second Career includes

- providing upgrading for individuals with applications pending - but only for the maximum hours allowable under Employment Insurance in each region
- signing a letter of acceptance for Second Career applicants during the application process
- informing MTCU if the Second Career client's timelines vary from their approved plan

The networks have been given the right to use the Educational Essential Skills Assessment on a fee for service basis. MTCU may request networks to provide the assessment and refer clients to LBS programs.

Useful websites

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/tcu/secondcareer/index.html>

<http://secondcareer.ontariocolleges.ca/en/index.html>

http://www.secondcareerontario.com/web/second_career/

http://skills.edu.gov.on.ca/OSPWeb/jsp/en/pdf/TIPS_JobSeekers_en.pdf

