



Akwesasne Career & Employment Support Services

The objective of ACCESS is to provide assistance to clients in order to achieve their employment goals. This is done by assessing each client and hosting various levels of training which can include formalized classroom and on-the-job training. ACCESS will participate in the development of special initiatives to meet the needs identified by clients and the community.

Current Employment Programs of the ACCESS include:

Job Opportunity	Job Creation Partnership
Local Projects	Summer Career Placement
Self-Employment Assistance	

ELIGIBLE CLIENTS:

- Must be a member or probationary member of the Mohawks of Akwesasne or the Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs – Mohawk Nation of Akwesasne;
- Must possess a valid Canadian Social Insurance Number (**MUST present card upon application**);
- Must be unemployed/employed disadvantaged, having barriers in obtaining or maintaining permanent full-time employment; and
- Must not have participated in ACCESS programs beyond the 208-week maximum.

ELIGIBLE EMPLOYERS:

- Must have been in existence and fully operational for six (6) months or more;
- Must be registered with Revenue Canada and pay into Canadian Employment Insurance; and
- Must provide proof of insurance coverage (general liability for worksite and WSIB/CSST or comparable).

Employers who have been in existence and fully operational for six months or more but are not registered with Revenue Canada may apply through any other eligible employer. Please contact office for further information on this process.

PROGRAM JOB CREATION PARTNERSHIP (Employment Insurance (EI) Program)

The objective of the Job Creation Partnership program is to provide temporary employment to EI eligible clients in order to maintain and use their skills during periods of unemployment. Clients on Job Creation projects **do not** accumulate weeks of insurable employment.

A formal application is available for the Job Creation Partnership program. Projects must operate a minimum of 6 weeks and may go up to a maximum of 52 weeks.

Financial Limitations

- Benefits (wage): Participants on the program continue to receive their EI benefits; however, this may be increased to the prevailing wage rate of the occupation up to the EI maximum rate (currently \$562/week or \$14.05/hour).
- In the event that the EI maximum rate is lower than the prevailing wage rate of the occupation, the Employer may "top-up" the wage as their contribution.
- Mandatory Employment Related Costs: Employer is responsible for C.P.P., Q.P.P., and 4% Vacation Pay on their "top-up" portion only.
- Overhead costs: a maximum contribution of \$125 per participant per week may be provided.

For complete information on the above, or other employment programs, please contact:

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