

# Self-Employment

## Assists eligible individuals to start their own business

- This program offers you the opportunity to turn your business idea into your own business
- You must be able to contribute towards business start-up costs. (Your contribution could consist of a cash investment or use of personal assets like a car or computer.)
- We contract with other organizations (service providers) to deliver this program in the community

## What services are offered?

### Support Services

Each service provider offers a unique program with different timeframes, course content and class sizes. All provide:

- Training and supports to develop business plans and entrepreneurial skills
- Individual coaching/consulting on implementing your plans

### Financial Support

- We will review your request for assistance in relation to your needs, the labour market, and the availability of funds
- Support for training may not be provided if you started a business on your own before being accepted into this program by Workforce Training and Employment
- Support may not be provided if you participated in skills training in the past two years or in a self-employment program in the past five years

## Who can participate?

### Eligibility

You may be eligible if you fit into one of the following categories:

- Have a current or previous Employment Insurance (EI) claim
- Employed individuals who are low-skilled
- In receipt of provincial Employment and Income Assistance (EIA) benefits
- An individual who is unemployed or about to lose their job

If you meet the initial eligibility criteria, the next step is an interview with the Service Provider to assess:

- Your suitability to operate your own business
- The viability of your business idea
- If this is the best option for you right now

## **Want to know more?**

**Contact your local Manitoba Jobs and Skills Development Centre to find out more about this program.**

To find the Centre nearest you:

- Call 204-945-0575 (in Winnipeg) or toll free 1-866-332-5077,
- Visit Manitoba Jobs and Skills Development Centres online at:  
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/wd/ites/contact.html>

Information contained in this document provides an overview of the Self-Employment program, although additional program criteria may apply.