



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 Industry, Training and Employment Services
- 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 your 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, and
- 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: 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.