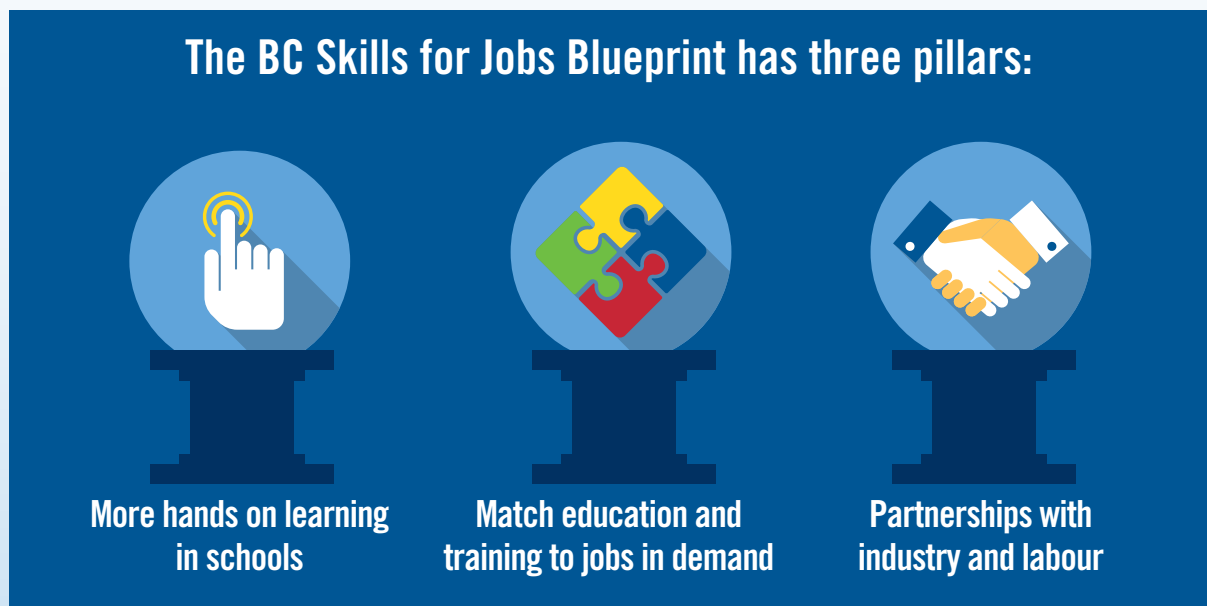


Education and training for the jobs of today, and tomorrow

With up to one million job openings expected by 2025, our plan is focused on taking full advantage of our growing economy by ensuring that the right training is available at our post-secondary institutions in different regions of the province. From trades to tech, we are re-engineering the way our post-secondary system works to ensure that British Columbians can take full advantage of the jobs of today, and tomorrow.

Skills for Jobs Blueprint

The BC Skills for Jobs Blueprint has three pillars:



The image shows three pillars of the BC Skills for Jobs Blueprint. Each pillar is represented by an icon on a pedestal. The first pillar is 'More hands on learning in schools' with an icon of a hand pointing at a screen. The second pillar is 'Match education and training to jobs in demand' with an icon of four interlocking puzzle pieces in yellow, green, red, and blue. The third pillar is 'Partnerships with industry and labour' with an icon of two hands shaking.

- More hands on learning in schools**
- Match education and training to jobs in demand**
- Partnerships with industry and labour**

Today's BC Liberals are determined to ensure British Columbians are first in line for the job openings to come. Filling these job openings is a significant challenge, and our ability to provide the right workers with the right skills in the right places requires a vision and a plan.

Whether you're a student in high school, recently graduated, or looking for a change in your career, the BC Skills for Jobs Blueprint is designed to help you get the education you need for the job you want. With new programs, seats, and grants to help you get there, our plan is already working.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ Realigned \$130 million for education and training for in-demand jobs.
- ✓ Committed \$185 million in trades infrastructure and equipment for post-secondary institutions throughout the province.
- ✓ Allocated \$65 million a year from the Government of Canada for skills training programs across the

province through the Canada-BC Job Fund.

- ✓ Over 4,100 employers accessed the Canada-BC Job Grant to train more than 20,000 employees.
- ✓ Added nearly 3,000 trades seats to improve access to high-demand trades, and support a strong, growing economy.
- ✓ Implemented a reporting requirement for all provincially funded projects in excess of \$15 million in value regarding use of apprentices.
- ✓ More than 4,600 single parents are involved in the Single Parent Employment Initiative and over 900 have already found employment.
- ✓ Invested \$30 million in the Aboriginal Skills Development Fund.
- ✓ Committed \$15 million over three years for Youth Trades Capital funding accessible to school districts throughout the province.
- ✓ Committed an additional \$7.8 million in new youth trades funding.
- ✓ Provided \$650,000 to 27 school districts to increase recruitment capacity and skills training.
- ✓ 53 School Districts participated in the Shoulder Tappers program, giving one-on-one mentorship and career support to students.



DRIVING FORWARD, TODAY'S BC LIBERALS WILL:

- » Complete the redirection of \$3 billion in training investments to focus on skills and better align annual investments into programs for in-demand jobs by 2024.
- » Continue the Canada-BC Jobs Grant to provide up to \$15,000 to offset the cost of training new employees in high demand occupations - helping up to 6,800 British Columbians.
- » Create 1,000 new seats in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math to help British Columbians get training to work in the tech sector, and once the first 1000 are graduating, work on another 1000.
- » Work to have the highest labour market participation for people with disabilities by 2024.
- » Create a new Truck Logger Training Credit to help offset the cost to train people on the job.
- » Make permanent the BC Training Tax Credit program that provides employers with an incentive to hire and train apprentices and trade workers.

The BC Skills for Jobs Blueprint is designed to help you get the education you need for the job you want.

Investing in trades and post-secondary facilities

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ Invested more than \$3.3 billion in capital and infrastructure projects at public post-secondary institutions since the BC NDP was in power, including more than 1,900 capital projects throughout the province.
- ✓ Opened new trades training centres at Camosun College in Victoria and the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology in Merritt, and a renewed trades centre at Okanagan College in Kelowna.
- ✓ More than \$85.4 million has been invested in new and improved libraries at UBC, Okanagan College, BCIT, University of Northern BC, University of Victoria, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Thompson Rivers University, Vancouver Island University and Langara College.

More schools and spaces for British Columbians:

\$3.3 b
in projects since 2001



\$2.6 b
to come

DRIVING FORWARD, TODAY'S BC LIBERALS WILL:

- » Invest \$2.6 billion in capital spending by post-secondary institutions for new buildings and renewal of infrastructure at campuses across the province, including:
 - › The Teaching and Learning Centre at the UBC Okanagan campus to support research and foster innovation in the B.C. Interior.
 - › \$15 million for the replacement of the trades-training centre at the Northern Lights College Dawson Creek campus.
 - › \$6.9 million for the new heavy-mechanical trades-training facility at the College of New Caledonia Prince George campus
 - › \$2.88 million for the new trades-training centre at Okanagan College Vernon campus.
 - › \$10.34 million for the Silver King Trades Campus renewal project at Selkirk College in Nelson.
 - › \$11.87 million for the modernization and renewal of the trades- training facilities at Northwest Community College in Terrace.
 - › \$7.03 million for the new industrial-training and technology centre at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops.
 - › \$45 million for the Energy Systems Engineering Building at SFU Surrey, including the mechatronics technology incubator program.
 - › Up to \$101 million for the Emily Carr University of Art + Design Redevelopment Project.



Rednering of New Emily Carr University campus

- › Up to \$19 million to upgrade and expand the undergraduate teaching laboratories at UBC.
- › \$31 million for the Health Sciences Centre at the Interurban campus of Camosun College.
- › Up to \$12 million for the Chip and Shannon Wilson School of Design at Kwantlen Polytechnic University's Richmond Campus.
- › \$14.7 million in upgrades to the Spruce Building at Kwantlen Polytechnic University.
- › \$9.5 million towards the marine, automotive and trades complex expansion at Vancouver Island University.
- › \$3.8 million towards a trades training facility at College of the Rockies.

Post-secondary student success

BC NDP record on post-secondary:

Froze tuition, but didn't provide funding to cover the shortfall resulting in fewer classes, creating longer waitlists and higher cut off points for admission.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ Invested more than \$1.8 billion each year in public post-secondary education – about \$5M a day, an increase of over 45% since the BC NDP was in power.
- ✓ Added more than 32,000 student seats, including 2,500 graduate student spaces, as well as seven public university campuses since the BC NDP was in power.
- ✓ Invested \$3.3 billion in 1,900 capital projects at universities and colleges throughout B.C. since the BC NDP was in power.
- ✓ Capped tuition increases at 2% since 2005. B.C. undergrads currently pay lower tuition than Alberta, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick – \$839 less than the Canadian average.
- ✓ Launched a provincial open textbook project, with more than 170 open textbooks already available online for free – saving over 34,000 students as much as \$3.9M so far.
- ✓ Disbursed approximately \$4 billion in loans and grants to make education more accessible since the BC NDP was in power.
- ✓ Targeted provincial grants to benefit 22,000 students, investing approximately \$55 million annually.
- ✓ The BC Loan Forgiveness Program forgives 100% of student loans over a five-year period for eligible professionals.
- ✓ The BC Training and Education Savings Program provides a grant of \$1,200 to eligible children born in 2006 or later that can be used toward the cost of their post-secondary education.



- ✓ Federal/Provincial Repayment Assistance Plan helping low-income British Columbians to manage their student debt.
- ✓ Provided grants of up to \$5,500 to former youth in care who want to pursue training and education beyond high school.

DRIVING FORWARD, TODAY'S BC LIBERALS WILL:

- » Lower the interest rate on student loans to the prime interest rate – saving students approximately \$45 million over the next three years.
- » Continue to expand the open textbook program by committing an additional \$10 million over the term.
- » Invest nearly \$6 billion in education and training in 2017.
- » Maintain the 2% cap on tuition and fee increases at provincial universities, colleges and technical institutes.
- » Create a one stop shop for student applications with a single point of entry for applicants to B.C. post-secondary institutions to reduce the necessity of providing an application and fee to each institution a student applies to.



- » Working with post-secondary institutions, develop new student housing financing rules that allow student housing to be built without impacting the provincial debt load or credit rating.
- » Match qualified students with available seats across the province with a coordinated management of excess capacity in our public post-secondary schools.
- » Change how student eligibility is assessed to exclude assets for students not residing with their parents or a spouse which will allow the loan limit to be increased for almost 25% of borrowers.
- » Provide a 50% tuition rebate for Canadian Armed Forces veterans to help them upgrade their education at B.C. public post-secondary institutions and transition into civilian life.