

# Job Connect Program

## What is it?

Job Connect is an employment service designed to help eligible businesses meet their hiring needs and reduce payroll costs. The service is funded by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities and delivered locally by local service providers. The program also provides services to eligible individuals seeking employment.

## What is the benefit to your company?

A local service provider will help you meet your specific hiring needs.

They can advise you on available wage subsidies and help you access them.

A pre-screening of all potential employees will be done, based on your requirements, before they are referred to you.

You can refer your own candidates and the service provider can determine their eligibility.

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## Who Qualifies?

Employers and individuals seeking employment can use the Job Connect services.

Employers with businesses registered in Ontario are eligible for Job Connect services. Hiring through these services must complement existing staff and not result in lay-offs.

Your business must provide Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) benefits (or the equivalent) and have third party liability insurance.

Individuals who are not currently employed, not in school and not in receipt of Employment Insurance Benefits or WSIB benefits are eligible.



## How do I apply?

Call the toll-free Employment Ontario Hotline at 1-800-387-5656, or (416) 326-5656 in Toronto, for the name of the organization delivering Job Connect in your area. Or, you can find regional service providers on website <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/tcu/searchRegion.asp>.

## Where can I find more information?

Visit the Job Connect website at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/tcu/employmentontario/employers/>.

## We're here to help!

To find out how the Business Development Branch at OMAFRA can provide you with knowledge, connections, and resources to help you grow your business, call toll-free at 1-888-466-2372 extension 63795 or e-mail at [foodinvest@ontario.ca](mailto:foodinvest@ontario.ca). For information about this program and others, as well as our branch, visit [www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/food](http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/food).

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