

The Importance of Immigrant Workers

Skilled immigrants—those who have obtained a certain level of education and work experience—are the worker class with the highest number of admissions into Canada. Their role on the Canadian economy is significant, and if not for them, the labour force would have diminished. Between 1991-2001, for example, the Canadian labour force grew by 1.4 million jobs; immigrants constituted 70% of this growth. It is anticipated that the Canadian labour force will continue to draw on this able pool of talent in the coming years.

The following websites provide information on settlement, orientation, job-finding workshops and other direct settlement services for immigrant workers.

Resource	Information
<p>Settlement.org www.settlement.org</p> <p>Contact Eta Woldeab, Manager, Information and Technology ewoldeab@ocasi.org Tel: (416)322-4950 Fax: (416)322-8084</p>	<p>Employment Education and ESL Housing: Health Immigration & Citizenship Consumer Information Community and Recreation</p>
<p>Ontario Immigration www.ontarioimmigration.ca</p> <p>Contact User Support Officer, 400 University Avenue, 3rd floor, Toronto, ON, M7A 2R9 Tel: (416) 325-6160.</p>	<p>Resources that can help you find work Customized English as a Second Language courses Job search workshops Employment resource centres in Ontario</p>
<p>Citizenship & Immigration Canada www.cic.gc.ca</p> <p>Contact Tel: 1 888 242-2100</p>	<p>Sponsorship & citizenship applications Advice, organizations, contacts and programs for newcomers Health services Housing, Taxes</p>

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<p>City of Toronto www.toronto.ca/immigration</p> <p>Contact Tel: (416)338-0338 TTY: (416)338-0TTY (0889) Fax: (416)338-0685 accesstoronto@toronto.ca</p>	<p>Immigration Housing Health Child Care Employment Education, Language and literacy Human Rights Social Services</p>
<p>Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration www.citizenship.gov.on.ca</p> <p>Contact Tel: 1-800-267-7329 Fax: (416) 314-4965 info.mci@ontario.ca</p>	<p>Immigration and Settlement Working in Ontario Education Standards Getting Experience Getting Licensed Career Planning</p>
<p>Costi Immigrant Services www.costi.org</p> <p>Contact 1710 Dufferin Street Toronto, Ontario, M6E 3P2 Tel:(416)658-1600 Fax: (416)658-8537 info@costi.org</p>	<p>Employment Housing Language Training Settlement/Citizenship Skills Training</p>
<p>SkillsInternational.ca www.skillsinternational.ca</p> <p>Contact WIL Employment Connections, Project Lead Agency 4th Floor, 141 Dundas Street London ON N6A 1G3 Tel: (519)663.0774 Fax:(519)663.5377 info@skillsinternational.ca</p>	<p>Web-enabled, searchable database that profiles the skills of immigrant job seekers in Ontario. Unites pre-screened, internationally trained individuals with employers who need their skills.</p>

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<p>211 Ontario www.211ontario.ca</p> <p>Contact Tel: (416)392-4575 Fax: (416)392-4404 info@findhelp.ca</p>	<p>Education Job skills Housing Child care Health services</p>
<p>Ontario WorkinfoNet www.onwin.ca</p> <p>Contact Mike Delfre, President, Delfre and Associates 20 East Perth Bay Road Sault Ste. Marie, ON, P6C 5Z9 Tel: (705) 253-2346 mdelfre@delmorra.com</p>	<p>Online employment and career information over the Internet. Searchable directory of links to websites specializing in employment and career information. Career Planning Education and training Labour market research</p>
<p>Job Bank www.jobbank.gc.ca</p> <p>Contact Tel: 1-866-789-1297</p>	<p>Job Search Skills Training Career and Worker Information HR for Employers</p>
<p>Ontario Association of Help Centres www.oahc.ca</p> <p>Contact 1100 Clarence St. South, Suite 102 Brantford, Ontario N3S 7N8 Tel: 519-751-4357 or 519-751-HELP Fax: 519-751-0810</p>	<p>Employment counselling services and support Apprenticeship program access in Ontario Newcomer integration Helping employers meet their hiring needs</p>