



Dear Employer,

This letter is to inform you that this applicant may be eligible for the **Experience Matters!** Program.

The **Experience Matters!** Program, funded by the Government of Canada through the Canada-British Workforce Development Agreement, offers employers a **negotiated wage subsidy up to \$2,800** and **up to \$1,000 to purchase training** when hiring eligible workers aged 55 and older.

Applying for the **Experience Matters!** Program is simple. It takes **less than 5 minutes** to complete an application and just **1-2 business days** to process! Apply online at [www.experience-matters.ca](http://www.experience-matters.ca). To receive the funding, you must submit an application and be approved **prior to hiring**.

#### Eligibility criteria for employers:

- Worker 55+ must be a new hire
- In operation for at least one year
- In good standing with WorkSafeBC
- Must employ worker 55+ for a minimum of 3 months
- **Employers will NOT qualify if employee is hired prior to signing Experience Matters Funding Agreement**

#### Eligibility criteria for Workers 55+:

- Aged 55 or older
- Unemployed or Precariously employed - working unstable or irregular hours (such as casual labour or on-call work), working for unreliable wages (such as piece-work or commission) and/or working for earnings that cannot support an individual or their family
- Seeking full time employment
- Not a full-time student, enrolled in high school or returning to school
- Not a participant in another provincially or federally funded labour market program (excluding WorkBC)
- Resident of BC (living in BC as a Canadian, a permanent resident or a protected person) and legally entitled to work in Canada

If you would like to speak with a representative, please call 250.861.3100 or toll-free 1.877.866.3100 and choose option 5.

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