

## Road Map



John is facing long waitlists at home but has found available seats at a training provider in another region. He realizes he will need to travel to attend training and progress in his apprenticeship. As John travels, he may be eligible for several financial supports.

John evaluates what transportation options are available to him. John is EI eligible and qualifies for financial support to cover either his mileage, bus fare, or airfare costs to travel for training. John looks at his options and chooses to fly.



John decides to contact his training provider as they have low cost housing for apprentices like him. He also applies for the Living Away from Home and Commuting financial supports. These supports may grant him up to \$175 a week to help him cover his basic expenses during training.



When John completes his training, his financial supports cover his bus fare home from Prince George to Vancouver. On his way home, a delay forces John to spend a night at a motel. John's financial support to travel for training covers him up to \$50 of his overnight accommodation.



John returns home and goes back to work. He has progressed in his trade and avoided the long waitlists at home.

### **Contact for Benefits**

#### **Accessing Financial Support (WorkBC)**

<https://www.workbc.ca/Employment-Services/Apprenticeship-Training-Supports/Apprentice-Financial-Supports.aspx>

#### **Phone Inquiries (WorkBC)**

1-844-428-4730

Email: [info-apprenticeservices@workbc.ca](mailto:info-apprenticeservices@workbc.ca)

### **Apprenticeship Inquiries**

#### **Find an ITA Advisor**

<https://www.itabc.ca/our-trades-training-system/apprenticeship-advisors>

#### **ITA Customer Service**

T: 778-328-8700

Toll Free in BC: 1-866-660-6011

Email: [customerservice@itabc.ca](mailto:customerservice@itabc.ca)

### **Additional Financial Supports (Loans, Grants, Tax Credits)**

#### **Grants (Service Canada)**

1-866-742-3644

#### **Tax Credits (Canada Revenue Agency)**

1-800-959-8281

#### **Canada Apprenticeship Loan**

#### **(Employment and Social Development Canada)**

1-855-844-5670

[www.pca-cal.ca/en/home](http://www.pca-cal.ca/en/home)

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# Financial Supports For Apprentices



## Eligible Financial Supports for Apprentices

Are you an Apprentice about to attend Technical Training? Are you EI Eligible? **If you answered yes to both questions, you MAY be eligible for the following Financial Supports.**

NOTE: Online WorkBC Apprentice Services provides the 16-digit Reference Code you need when you apply for EI as an apprentice, this will give you permission to attend school while on EI.

Apprentices will be required to provide receipts to the Work BC Apprentice Services via email: [info-apprenticeservices@workbc.ca](mailto:info-apprenticeservices@workbc.ca)



### Living Away From Home

If you are attending technical training outside of your region/area you may qualify for a living away from home allowance to help cover expenses. You could receive:

- Up to a maximum of \$175 per week. Please note: that the Living Away from Home supports and the Daily Commuting Supports if using your private vehicle have a combined weekly maximum of \$175. Tip: Phone your training provider to see if they have an accommodation list for apprentices.



### Dependent Care

If you have a dependent, you may qualify for the following financial support during training:

- Up to \$35 a day per dependent.



### Transportation/Commuting

You may qualify for the following financial supports to cover the cost of daily commuting during training:

- Private Vehicle Mileage at \$0.25/km to a maximum of \$175 per week.
- Public transportation at the lowest cost. This includes ferries if needed.
- Parking tolls and fees incurred during training.



### Travelling for Training

If you are travelling outside your region/area in BC to attend technical training, you may qualify for the following (if travelling at least 100 kms from your normal place of residence):

#### Travel to and from Course (at the beginning and end of training):

- Private Vehicle mileage at \$0.25/km up to a maximum of \$175 one way.
- Public transportation including Ferry, Bus fare, or Airfare at actual cost.

#### Overnight Accommodation:

- Up to \$50 a night for overnight accommodations if travelling 480km or more. (Maximum of 2 nights travelling to training and maximum of 2 nights travelling home from training.)



### Disability Related Costs

If you have disability related costs, and your training provider is unable to cover them, you may qualify for the following financial support:

- \$25 a day, up to a maximum of \$175 per week.



### Living Supports for Basic Expenses

You may qualify for the following Living Supports to cover basic expenses during technical training:

- Reachback EI clients may receive Living Supports up to a maximum of \$300 a week.
- EI Claimants whose EI rate is lower than \$300 a week may receive living supports as a top-up to their weekly EI rate. Combined EI benefits and Living Supports not to exceed the maximum established rate of \$300 per week.
- EI claimants whose EI benefits end before their course end date, but are not eligible for a new claim, may receive living supports up to \$300 a week from the claim's end date to their course end dates.
- Clients disentitled or disqualified on their EI claim may receive living supports up to \$300 a week.

## Additional Financial Supports for Apprentices:

### Canada Apprenticeship Loan

Interest free loans for Red Seal Apprentices to help cover the cost of training.

### Apprenticeship Incentive Grant

A taxable cash grant up to \$1,000 for the first two years of training in a Red Seal Program.

### Apprenticeship Incentive Grant for Women

A taxable cash grant up to \$3,000 for women in their first two years of training in a Red Seal program.

### Apprenticeship Completion Grant

A taxable cash grant of \$2,000 for completing a Red Seal program.

### Training Tax Credits

Tax credits to help cover the costs of tool and personal protection equipment in technical training.