

# INTROduction.....

**W**elcome to the **Northwestern BC Careers Sourcebook**. Do you want to learn, work, live and play in Northwestern BC? If yes, then this Sourcebook is for you!

The Northwestern BC Careers Sourcebook is one of the initiatives of the Northwest Labour Market Partnership project and sponsored by BC Hydro. It was developed to address the lack of information about training programs identified in the Labour Market studies conducted in 2011. Through this research, the Northwest Labour Market Partnership project identified **eight trade areas** and **four fields of work** that are in-demand in the Northwest:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Heavy Equipment Operators</li><li>2. Heavy-Duty Equipment Mechanics</li><li>3. Drillers and Blasters</li><li>4. Millwrights and Industrial Mechanics</li><li>5. Truck Drivers</li><li>6. Crane Operators</li><li>7. Industrial Electricians</li><li>8. Welders</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Biologists, Forestry Technologist and Technicians, Land Survey Technologists and Technicians</li><li>2. Geologists, Geochemists and Geophysicists</li><li>3. Engineers: Civil, Electric, Geological, Mechanical, Mining</li><li>4. Supervisors/Managers</li></ol> |
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These occupations will be in high demand during the next decade to meet the needs of current and future projects in the region.

The Northwestern BC Careers Sourcebook highlights these eight in-demand trades and four in-demand fields of work. The information provided in the Sourcebook focuses on these occupations and organizations that can provide support to apprentices/students.

This resource has been designed to assist those looking to start and develop their careers, for example: high school students/graduates, the unemployed, and the underemployed. The sourcebook provides information about training programs, includes links to other resources, and makes suggestions to help you determine your path towards achieving your career goals.

Each section of this sourcebook has a specific purpose. Check the Table of Contents to direct your search. Career Maps and Decision Trees are tools to help you identify potential careers.



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