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Government of Canada helps internationally trained Human Resources professionals get their credentials and experience recognized in Canada

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Helping internationally trained newcomers join the Canadian workforce faster will help grow the economy and strengthen the middle class.

Today, Kyle Peterson, Member of Parliament for Newmarket-Aurora, on behalf of the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour, announced a new project that will help internationally trained human resources professionals get their credentials recognized faster.

The Government of Canada is investing \$920,856 in the Job Skills National Online Bridge to HR Program over the next 24 months through the Foreign Credential Recognition Program. With this investment, Job Skills – Employment and Business Programs and Supports will help 340 newcomers to Canada with HR related experience providing them with employment readiness.

The online HR Bridge Program will assist highly skilled newcomers to obtain the experience and education in the HR sector, overcome barriers, and gain Canadian professional work experience in order to reach their full labour market potential. By funding this project, the Government is helping reduce barriers to employment for highly skilled newcomers and helping them find meaningful and long-term jobs in the Canadian workforce faster. The program will provide access to Program modules (24 hours a day/seven days a week), in communities across Canada and will serve 340 clients over two years. The program components include online workshops featuring current HR practices and terminology, webinars with facilitator-led discussions, forums to network and share job opportunities, coaching and job search supports to find work placements and employment. The national online HR Bridge Program officially launches on September 24, 2018 and the French component will be available later this Fall.

Quotes

“Helping newcomers obtain Canadian work experience in their professions will allow them to join the Canadian workforce faster, which is critical to growing our economy and strengthening the middle class. That’s why we are supporting newcomers to get work experience so they can kick-start their careers in Canada.” – **The Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour**

“I am proud that our government is supporting newcomers and helping them get their international credentials recognized and Canadian professional work experience so they can put their knowledge and skills to work sooner and start their new careers here in Canada.” – **Kyle Peterson, Member of Parliament for Newmarket-Aurora**



“The Bridge to HR Online program provides an opportunity for Job Skills to take our experience and knowledge of the HR sector, and expand our reach nationally to assist Internationally Trained HR professionals across Canada. Utilizing current technology through an online platform they will now be able to attain the knowledge, resources and the connections to be able to successfully integrate.” - Nella Iasci, Executive Director, Job Skills.

Quick Facts

- Budget 2017 announced the Targeted Employment Strategy for Newcomers to help newcomers get their credentials recognized and obtain Canadian work experience more quickly so they can find jobs that suit their skills and experience.
- The Strategy has three components: pre-arrival services, a permanent loans program and a pilot to help highly skilled newcomers obtain their first Canadian professional work experience.

Associated Links

[Foreign Credential Recognition Program](#)
[Foreign Credential Recognition Loans Program Call for Proposals](#)
www.jobskills.org/bridgetohr
[Credential assessment in Canada](#)
[Pre-arrival services](#)
[Budget 2017](#)

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