

SELF-EMPLOY PEI

PROGRAM INFORMATION



Self-Employ PEI is an employment benefit program which assists eligible individuals in creating employment for themselves by establishing their own businesses.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION - INDIVIDUALS

Eligibility - Labour Market Development Agreement (LMDA)

To be eligible for participation in the LMDA portion of the *Self-Employ PEI* program, you must:

- be unemployed and legally authorized to work in Canada (Canadian citizen or permanent resident); and
- have a current claim for Employment Insurance benefits; or
- have a previous EI claim whose benefit period ended in the preceding 36 months; or
- have a previous benefit period that began in the preceding 60 months, during which the individual was paid maternity or parental benefits, after which they left the labour market to care for a newborn or newly adopted child and are now seeking to re-enter the labour market; and
- have a Return to Work Action Plan that identifies Self Employ PEI as an appropriate intervention for them.

Other criteria may apply.

Eligibility - Labour Market Agreement (LMA)

To be eligible for participation in the LMA portion of the *Self-Employ PEI* program, you must be:

- an unemployed individual;
- non-EI eligible
- a member of one of the LMA priority groups;
- a recent post-secondary graduate and out of school 1-5 years; or

- an individual experiencing the effects of the economic downturn; or
- an individual who is low skilled.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION - ORGANIZATIONS

Businesses, organizations, municipalities, band/tribal councils, public health and educational institutions are eligible to receive funding as Self-Employ Coordinators

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

The date your completed application is received by SkillsPEI is the date when you are considered to have requested assistance. This date is used to determine whether you qualify as an 'eligible participant' within the timeframes outlined above.

If you are currently receiving Employment Insurance, you may continue to receive your regular Employment Insurance benefits until the end of your benefit period after which you may be eligible to receive a flat rate living allowance to the end of the *Self-Employ PEI Agreement*.

If you are not in receipt of Employment Insurance benefits, you may be eligible to receive financial assistance for living expenses.

The maximum duration of an agreement with an individual is 52 weeks.

WHO DELIVERS SELF-EMPLOY PEI?

SkillsPEI delivers *Self-Employ PEI* and other *Prince Edward Island Employment Benefits and Support Measures*.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Individuals

Individuals applying for assistance under the *Self-Employ PEI* program must ensure that the following documentation is completed:

- *Self-Employ PEI* individual application;
- As part of the application process, it is necessary for individuals to have a needs assessment completed and to develop a Return to Work Action Plan with a case manager. The case manager's statement of support is required before SkillsPEI can assess your application. Please contact **1-877-491-4766** or your local SkillsPEI office for information on where you can access this service.

Self-Employ/Community Coordinators

Self-Employ Community Coordinators seeking funding under *Self-Employ PEI* should contact the nearest SkillsPEI office for more information.

Office Locations

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Atlantic Technology Centre
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