



## Getting more Albertans working

Budget 2022 provides over \$600 million in additional funding over the next three years for Alberta at Work, a package of new post-secondary education, skills training opportunities, and employment programs.

Building on Alberta's Recovery Plan, Alberta at Work will help individuals develop new skills, attract workers to the province, and help all Albertans find employment. Alberta at Work provides a continuum of programs and supports to help anyone, whether they are a student exploring their options, an individual who is currently unemployed, someone looking to train in a new field or anyone who may be facing barriers entering the workforce.

Alberta's updated kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum includes an increased emphasis on foundational

literacy and numeracy skills, as well as a stronger foundation in financial literacy in all grades to support work readiness and entrepreneurship.

New funding for post-secondary training will create new seats in programs addressing skills shortages, help fill vet shortages in rural Alberta and expand apprenticeship opportunities in emerging sectors.

Albertans looking to build foundational skills and get certifications will have improved access to employment services and skills training.

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### Alberta at Work investments:

- \$47 million over three years in capital funding and \$25 million over three years in operating funding to expand collegiate programs and charter schools, with particular attention on expanding opportunities in science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM).
- Alberta 2030: Building Skills for Jobs established a 10-year vision for post secondary education. Alberta at Work will support this vision with \$171 million over the next three years to expand enrolment in areas with skills shortages.
  - Approximately 7,000 additional seats will be created in areas such as technology (computer science, information technology and data modelling), finance and financial technology, energy (engineering, etc.), health and aviation.
- Investing \$59 million over three years in infrastructure to expand the veterinary medicine school at the University of Calgary. This will address a critical, emerging shortage of large-animal veterinarians in rural Alberta.
- \$30 million over the next three years for enhancing apprenticeship programs and opportunities. Half of this amount will enable students to acquire skills linked to emerging technology sectors and other in-demand occupations. The other half will be provided to community agencies in support of programs like Women Building Futures and CAREERS: The Next Generation.
- \$15 million to enhance the Alberta government's labour market data analytics to improve program outcomes and connections between employers and workers.



- \$5 million over the next three years to increase training opportunities for Indigenous Peoples.
- \$6 million over the next three years for workforce attachment and integrated learning programs.
- \$8 million over the next two years for micro-credentialing courses, to help students develop specific, job-ready skills.
- \$30 million over the next three years will be invested mostly in commercial driver grants.
- \$30 million over the next two years to address barriers to employment.
- \$64 million over three years to enhance Alberta's proven skills development, training and employment programs.
- \$15 million to market Alberta to Canada and the world as the place to live, work and start a business.
- \$15 million over three years to create a new non-repayable support to low-income students in qualified high-demand programs. This will enable more low-income learners to participate in the advanced education system and have greater workforce participation in the future.
- \$73 million over three years for The Alberta Technology and Innovation Strategy (ATIS), to help Alberta become an internationally recognized technology and innovation hub.
- An additional \$15 million over the next three years will enhance the Investment and Growth Fund, which will help create a new rural investment attraction stream for investment and job creation.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES HIGHLIGHTS

### Expanding

- the apprenticeship model to more disciplines
- commercial driver training

### Enhancing

- workforce attachment and integrated learning programs
- Indigenous training

**Creating spaces** in high demand areas of our advanced education system

**Making childcare affordable** and accessible

Implementing a full system-wide review in 2022 of Alberta's labour market programs