

## ABORIGINAL INITIATIVES

### Aboriginal Employment Service Agencies in B.C.

#### How does ITA work with the Aboriginal community?

The Industry Training Authority (ITA) liaises with the community-based network of First Nations and Aboriginal community training and employment service agencies across the province. These include Bands and Tribal Councils, in addition to Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training (ASET) holders, all of which provide support to Aboriginal people for employment and training, including in the skilled trades.

ITA works with these agencies, which have strong local support and contacts within the Aboriginal community and with others, by providing information and contacts. In some cases, ITA also funds apprenticeship training projects in partnership with the Aboriginal community, industry and training providers, some of which are supported by funds ITA has through the Canada-British Columbia Labour Market Agreement program.

#### What is the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ASETS) program?

There are currently 15 ASETS agreement holders in B.C., each with a mandate to provide services to a designated region, and to help Aboriginal people prepare for, find and keep high-demand jobs now and in the long-term. All Aboriginal people, regardless of status, affiliation or location, may access ASET programs and services. These include job-finding skills and training, programs for youth, access to child care, and programs for urban Aboriginal people and those with disabilities.

ASET agreement holders design and deliver employment programs and services best suited to the unique needs of their clients. ASET focuses on three priorities:

- 1) supporting demand-driven skills development;
- 2) fostering partnerships with the private sector and with the provinces and territories;  
and
- 3) placing emphasis on accountability and results.

Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, through its Skills and Employment Branch-Aboriginal Affairs Directorate along with Service Canada, supports ASETs, a national strategy to support Aboriginal employment and training. For more information on the ASET program, see: [www.rhdcc-hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/employment/aboriginal\\_employment/index.shtml](http://www.rhdcc-hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/employment/aboriginal_employment/index.shtml)

#### Are there other organizations that assist Aboriginal people with employment?

Many First Nations and Aboriginal organizations will also provide employment services to Aboriginal people; these include Bands, Tribal Councils, business development corporations Métis organizations, and Aboriginal friendship centres, and some post-secondary institutions.

## B.C. Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training (ASET) Agreement Holders Contact Information

### Lower Mainland (Urban)

#### Aboriginal Community Career Employment Services Society (ACCESS)

#108, 100 Park Royal, West Vancouver, BC V7T 1A2  
Tel: 604-913-7933  
[www.accessfutures.com](http://www.accessfutures.com)

### Cariboo-Chilcotin

#### Cariboo Chilcotin Aboriginal Training Education Centre (CCATEC)

#205, 197 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Williams Lake, BC V2G 1Z5  
Tel: 250-392-2510  
[www.ccatec.com](http://www.ccatec.com) [administration@ccatec.com](mailto:administration@ccatec.com)

### Central Interior

#### Central Interior Partners in Aboriginal Human Resource Development (CIPAHRD)

680 Athabasca Street W., Kamloops, BC V2H 1C4  
Tel: 778-471-8200  
[coordinator@cipahrd.org](mailto:coordinator@cipahrd.org)  
[www.shuswapnation.org/departments/cipahrd.html](http://www.shuswapnation.org/departments/cipahrd.html)

### Vancouver Island – South

#### Coast Salish Employment & Training Society (CSETS)

201-5462 Trans-Canada Hwy., Duncan, BC V9L 6W4  
Tel: 250-746-0183 Toll-Free: 1-888-811-3919

### Greater Vancouver – Sunshine Coast

#### First Nations Employment Society (FNES)

395 Railway Street, Vancouver, BC V6A 1A6  
Tel: 604-605-7194  
[jobsinfo@fnes.ca](mailto:jobsinfo@fnes.ca) [www.fnes.ca](http://www.fnes.ca)

### Kootenays

#### Ktunaxa Nation Council (KNC)

7468 Mission Road, Cranbrook, BC V1C 7E5  
Tel: 250-489-2464  
[info@ktunaxa.org](mailto:info@ktunaxa.org) [www.ktunaxa.org](http://www.ktunaxa.org)

### Province-Wide

#### Métis Nation British Columbia

30691 Simpson Road, Abbotsford, BC V2T 6C7  
Tel: 604-557-5851 Toll-Free: 1-800-940-1150  
[mratc@mnbc.ca](mailto:mratc@mnbc.ca) [www.mnbc.ca](http://www.mnbc.ca)

### Central Coast

#### Mid Coast First Nations Training Society (MCFNTS)

P.O. Box 941, Bella Bella, BC V0T 1Z0  
Tel: 250-957-2225  
[cstarr@bellabella.net](mailto:cstarr@bellabella.net)

### Northeast

#### North East Native Advancing Society (NENAS)

10328 – 101 Avenue, Fort St. John, BC V1J 2B5  
Tel: 250-785-0887  
[nenas@nenas.org](mailto:nenas@nenas.org) [www.nenas.org](http://www.nenas.org)

### Vancouver Island – Northeast Coast

#### North Vancouver Island Aboriginal Training Society (NVIATS)

#103, 2005 Eagle Drive, Campbell River, BC V9H 1P9  
Tel: 250-286-3455  
[www.nviats.com](http://www.nviats.com)

### Vancouver Island – Northwest Coast

#### Nuu-chah-nulth Employment & Training Program (NETP)

3038-3rd Avenue, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 2A5  
Tel: 250-723-1331  
[www.nuuchahnulth.org/tribal-council/netb.html](http://www.nuuchahnulth.org/tribal-council/netb.html)

### Okanagan

#### Okanagan Training and Development Council (OTDC)

101-1865 Dilworth Drive, #339, Kelowna, BC V1Y 9T1  
Tel: 250-769-1977 or 250-542-0045  
[otdc@telus.net](mailto:otdc@telus.net) [www.otdc.org](http://www.otdc.org)

### North Central

#### Prince George Nechako Aboriginal Employment & Training Association (PGNAETA)

198 Kingston Street, Prince George, BC V2L 1C3  
Tel: 250-561-1199 Toll-Free: 1-800-510-0515  
[www.pgnaeta.bc.ca](http://www.pgnaeta.bc.ca)

### Fraser Valley

#### Stó:lō Aboriginal Skills & Employment Training (SASET)

Bldg. #8A-7201 Vedder Rd., Chilliwack, BC V2R 4G3  
Tel: 604-858-3691 Toll-Free: 1-888-845-4455  
[saset@stolonation.bc.ca](mailto:saset@stolonation.bc.ca) [www.saset.ca](http://www.saset.ca)

### Northwest

#### Tribal Resources Investment Corporation (TRICORP)

344 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West, Prince Rupert, BC V8J 1G6  
Tel: 250-624-3535 Toll-Free: 1-800-665-3201  
[tricorp@citytel.net](mailto:tricorp@citytel.net) [www.tricorp.ca](http://www.tricorp.ca)

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