

Building Welcoming and Inclusive Workplaces and Communities!

South Okanagan Immigrant and Community Services

The South Okanagan Immigrant and Community Services (Penticton & District Multicultural Society) is dedicated to building a community based upon mutual respect and full participation of all people of all backgrounds through education, advocacy, and community programs.

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Okanagan Falls, Oliver, Keremeos, Cawston
and Osoyoos*

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

All services are FREE
to eligible participants.



Immigrant Employment Programs

General Services

- Work Search Technique Coaching & Employment Workshops
- Career Exploration & Labour Market Information
- Job Postings & Employment Resources

Labour Market Mentorship

- Job Shadowing/Work Experience Opportunities
- Introduction to Canadian Workplace Culture
- Networking Opportunities

Learning Centre

- Workplace English Language Classes
- Computer Studies (Computer Basics, Keyboarding, Internet, MS Office Applications, Language Learning Programs)

Skills Connect for Immigrants

- Targeted Career Counselling & Planning
- Assessment of Skills, Qualifications & Experience
- Industry-specific Skills Upgrading & Training
- Assistance with Credential Evaluation Process & Regulating Bodies
- Funding available for Training & Credential Evaluation

80% of the participants who completed this program (Skills Connect for Immigrants) have found a meaningful career that uses their skills and training.

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English Language & Computer Classes

- Improving the English Language and Computer Skills of Newcomers to the Region

Community Bridging Programs

- Adult Mentoring: Matching Adult Newcomers to Volunteers in the Community to Ease their Transition to Canadian Culture
- Buddy Programs: Pairing School-Age Newcomers with Volunteer Students to Make Going to School Less Stressful

Immigrant Integration Services

- Assessing Needs and Identifying appropriate Services
- Orientation Information of Canadian Systems, Services, Life and Culture
- Assisting in the Immigration Processes
- Settlement Work in Schools

Early Childhood

- Preparing Immigrant Children and Their Parents or Caregivers for School Life in Canada

Senior Immigrant Programming

- Language and Computer Learning Supports for Senior Immigrants, Social Networking

Other Services

- Citizenship Classes
- Volunteer Tutors
- Interpreters/Translators
- Community, Regional & Provincial Consultations
- Annual Multicultural Festival
- WelcomeBC Programs: Welcoming and Inclusive Workplaces and Communities
- EmbraceBC Programs: Organizing Against Racism & Hate.

