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# ENTREPRENEURS WITH DISABILITIES

# GUIDE

Learn about the programs and services available to new and existing entrepreneurs with disabilities in Manitoba.

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# **Canadian Pension Plan - Disability Vocational Rehabilitation Program**

The Canada Pension Plan (CPP) Disability Vocational Rehabilitation Program is designed to help people who receive a Canada Pension Plan disability benefit return to work or self-employment. Starting Your Business– a series intended to help small businesses with some key tax issues they face when starting a new business.

Contact: Canadian Pension Plan (CPP) - Disability Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Service Canada Toll Free: 1.800.277.9915 TTY: 1.800.255.4786

#### **Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program**

Western Canadians who have a disability can access a network of business professionals and a world of resources through Western Economic Diversification Canada's (WD) Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program (EDP). The EDP program provides business information, training and development, mentoring and one-on-one counseling services.

Contact: <u>Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program</u> Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) Rural: <u>Community Futures Manitoba</u> Telephone: 204.943.2905

> Winnipeg: <u>Equal Opportunities West Inc.</u> Telephone: 204.943.2905

# **Employability Assistance for People with Disabilities.**

Employability Assistance for People with Disabilities (EAPD) offers a wide range of employment focused services to assist adults with disabilities in preparing for, obtaining and maintaining employment.

Contact: <u>Employability Assistance for People with Disabilities</u> Manitoba Government Inquiry Phone: 1.866.626.4862

# **Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities**

Helps to generate innovative activities which help persons with disabilities prepare for, obtain and keep employment or self-employment. Participants must not be eligible for assistance under the Employment Benefits.

Contact: Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities Service Canada Toll Free: 1.800.622.6232 TTY: 1.800.926.9105

# Rebate for Specially-Equipped Vehicles for Persons with Disabilities

This bulletin explains the rebate of the 5% GST that may be claimed on specially-equipped motor vehicles that are used by, or to transport, individuals using wheelchairs, and vehicles equipped with auxiliary driving controls for individuals with disabilities.

Contact: <u>Rebate for Specially-Equipped Vehicles for Persons with Disabilities</u> Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Phone: 1.800.959.8281

# Self-employment (SE) Program

This program provides unemployed Employment Insurance and Employment and Income Assistance (EIA) eligible, individuals with financial support, planning assistance and mentoring while they get their business up and running.

Contact: <u>Self-employment (SE) Program</u> Manitoba Jobs and Skills Development Centres Phone: 204.945.0575 Toll Free: 1.866.332.5077

# **Equal Opportunities West**

The Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program helps people with disabilities or health conditions start businesses in the City of Winnipeg with business needs, including creating a business plan, and can assist in sourcing business loans.

Contact: Equal Opportunities West 851 Cavalier Drive Winnipeg MB R2Y 1C6 Phone: 204.888.5422 Fax: 204.888.6709

#### **BUSINESS SERVICES**

#### **About Multiple Formats**

Persons with visual impairments can get information on Canada Revenue Agency services available to them as well as order publications in Braille and large print, or on audio cassette and computer disk.

Contact: <u>About Multiple Formats</u> Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Phone: 1.800.959.8281 TTY: 1.800.665.0354

#### Make A Change Canada/Faire un Changement Canada

A federally incorporated charitable organization accredited under the Imagine Canada Standards Program. We develop and deliver business start-up and web technology training to people facing challenges to employment. Our programs and services are available online across Canada.

Contact: <u>Make A Change Canada</u> Phone: 1.888.927.7473

# **Business Abilities (BA)**

Online business planning resources and one-on-one coaching assistance, from career exploration to new business mentorship. Services are available free of charge to people who self-identify as living with a disability. Training is flexible and supportive with a continuous intake.

Contact: <u>Business Abilities</u> Phone: 1.888.927.7473

#### Web Essentials/Web Advanced

Online, college accredited programs in web technologies and design, leading to careers in administration, marketing, ebusiness, and web design. Skills: Photoshop, HTML, CSS, Dreamweaver, Web Marketing, Social Media/Blogging, Web Programming, Word Press. Open to anyone facing challenges to employment (see eligibility).

> Visit and apply online: <u>http://www.ibde.ca/</u>

Contact: <u>Make A Change Canada</u> Phone: 1.888.927.7473

#### **Tax Information for Persons with Disabilities**

This website provides easy access to publications, forms and services available dealing with tax information for persons with disabilities.

Contact: <u>Tax Information for Persons with Disabilities</u> Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Phone: 1.800.959.8281

#### **OTHER SERVICES**

#### Service Canada – Living with a Disability

An internet site which has information on government services for persons with disabilities. Topics include accessibility, Advocacy, Assistive Technology, Community and Citizen Participation, Employment, Health, Safety and Security, Housing, Learning and Skills Development, Recreation and Active Living, Reference Library, Tax and Financial Benefits and Transportation and Travel.

Contact: <u>Service Canada</u> Phone: 1.800.622.6232

For more information, please contact the World Trade Centre Winnipeg: 204.253.4888 | 1.800.665.2019 | info@wtcwinnipeg.com |

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