



SUPPORT PG

Business Resource Catalogue

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ABOUT THE SUPPORT PG BUSINESS RESOURCE CATALOGUE

In spring of 2025, a partnership was developed to deliver the Support PG Business Survey to Prince George. The survey's goal was to better understand the needs of local businesses, identify challenges and opportunities, and ensure that appropriate support is available to help businesses succeed. Thanks to the partnership, over 150 businesses provided feedback, and as a result, each respondent received individualized emails with supports, referrals, or information based on what we heard from them. This catalogue includes resources based on the compiled needs, challenges, and opportunities raised by our business community. A robust search of local, province-wide, and nation-wide supports was completed and can be find organized by need-based categories.



This document is not exhaustive of every single support or resource available; however, it will be periodically updated to ensure programs that are active are included as we become aware of them and those that are inactive or discontinued are removed. There are also multiple listings of the same resource in different sections to ease users' searches.

If you are unable to find a resource that could help your business, or you see that a resource you know exists isn't included in this document, please email ecdev@princegeorge.ca to inform us so we can include it in our next revision – it may help other businesses as well.





How to Use This Catalogue

Browse by section. Each item includes a short description and a link. For detailed program rules, use the links or contact the agency directly.

1. Starting a Business

Considering Starting a Business

BizPaL

- Business permit lookup
- Licensing requirements
- Location-specific regulatory info

Online tool that lists federal, provincial, and municipal permits/licenses based on your business type and location. Link: <https://www.bcbizpal.ca/?b=59>

BC Provincial Small Business Guides

- Guides
- Templates
- tools to choose a business structure
- compliance in B.C.

Link: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/business/small-business/resources>

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED)

- Business planning
- Permits & incorporation
- Federal financing search tools

Federal starting-a-business hub for planning, incorporation, and procurement.

Link: <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/>

I've Decided to Start a Business

Name your Business

Check availability or obtain a numbered company through the provincial government.

Link: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/business/managing-a-business/permits-licences/businesses-incorporated-companies/approval-business-name>

Register your Business

Choose structure (sole prop/partnership/incorporation) and file online. Structure comparison tool provided by the provincial government.

Link: <https://entity-selection-prod.apps.silver.devops.gov.bc.ca/>

Register a Web Domain

Pick a memorable address and secure matching social handles. BDC offers instructions and support.

Guide: <https://www.bdc.ca/en/articles-tools/start-buy-business/start-business/how-to-name-company>

Taxes – Register to collect PST (B.C.) and GST/HST (federal) as required; review applicable corporate credits.

- When should I register? (Federal): <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/businesses/topics/gst-hst-businesses/when-register-charge.html>
 - Register to collect PST (Provincial): <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/sales-taxes/pst/register>
 - Register to collect GST/HST Goods and Services Tax (GST) and the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) varies by product and location (Federal): <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/businesses/topics/gst-hst-businesses/gst-hst-account/register-account.html>
 - Corporate Income Tax Credits (Provincial): <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/income-taxes/corporate/credits>
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Hire Employees

Learn payroll, employment standards, and employer coverage. Federal government guide.

Overview: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/business/hire.html>

Intellectual property

Protect patents, trademarks, designs, and copyright. Federal government guide.

Link: <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/canadian-intellectual-property-office/en#education>

Insurance

Understand commercial coverage and WorkSafeBC employer registration.

- How Insurance Works. Link: <https://www.ibc.ca/insurance-basics/business>
 - Employer Insurance. Link: <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/for-employers>
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Food Services (if applicable)

Health permit via Northern Health; municipal liquor licensing.

- Food Facility Applications and forms.
Link: <https://www.northernhealth.ca/services/environmental-health/applications-and-forms#application-for-food-facility>
- Liquor License. Link: <https://www.princegeorge.ca/city-services/permits-applications/liquor-licence-application>



2. Local & Regional Business Support Agencies

Community Futures Fraser-Fort George

Loans, coaching, training, and succession support for PG, Mackenzie, McBride, Valemount, and surrounding areas.

Phone: 250-562-9622 | Website: <https://cfdc.bc.ca/>

Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT)

Consulting rebates, Northern Industries Innovation Fund, and programs that build business capacity across Northern B.C.

Phone: 250-561-2525 | Website: <https://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/>

Prince George Chamber of Commerce

Advocacy, networking, member benefits, events, and directory for 850+ local businesses.

Phone: 250-564-2454 | Website: <https://www.pgchamber.bc.ca/>

Northern Innovation Network

Startup accelerator services, mentorship, coworking, and innovation events (formerly Hubspace).

Phone: 250-563-2663 | Website: <https://northerninnovation.ca/>

BC Northern Real Estate Board

MLS®, stats, webinars, and buyer tools relevant to business/relocation decisions.

Phone: 250-563-1236 | Website: <https://bcnreb.bc.ca/home>

Downtown Prince George (BIA)

Grants, events, marketing, and business directory for C1 Zone.

Phone: 250-614-1330 | Website: <https://downtownpg.com/>

Tourism Prince George

Destination marketing, visitor services, and partnership opportunities for tourism operators.

Phone: 250-562-3700 | Website: <https://tourismpg.com/>

Prince George Aboriginal Business Development Centre (ABDC)

Indigenous entrepreneur advisory services, planning support, and startup/expansion loans.

Phone: 250-562-6325 Website: <http://www.abdc.bc.ca/>

WorkBC Prince George

Recruitment supports, wage subsidies, training and labour-market info for employers.

Phone: 236-601-9111 Website: <https://www.workbc.ca/> (Prince George centre)



College of New Caledonia (CNC)

Custom training, WIL, and applied research partnerships.
Phone: (250) 562-2131 Website: <https://www.cnc.bc.ca/>

University of Northern BC (UNBC)

Industry collaborations, consulting projects, and research/innovation support.
Phone: (250) 960-5555 Website: <https://www.unbc.ca/>

Prince George Airport Authority (YXS)

Cargo development, landside/leasing opportunities, and airside business partnerships.
Phone: (250) 963-2400 Website: <https://www.pgairport.ca/>

Export Navigator

Free, one-on-one export advising, market intel, and regulatory guidance for firms expanding beyond B.C.
Website: <https://www.exportnavigator.ca/>

Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC)

Provides financing, advisory services, and capital for Canadian businesses at every stage of growth.
Website: <https://www.bdc.ca>

PacifiCan

Supports business growth, innovation, and economic development in British Columbia through funding and programs. Link: <https://www.canada.ca/en/pacific-economic-development.html>

Innovate BC

Delivers funding, commercialization programs, and ecosystem support for technology and innovation-driven entrepreneurs in B.C.
Website: <https://innovatebc.ca>

WeBC

Offers loans, advisory services, and skills training for Women Entrepreneurs in British Columbia
Website: <https://we-bc.ca>

Futurpreneur

Provides loans, mentorship, and resources for entrepreneurs aged 18–39, with additional supports for Indigenous, newcomer, and diverse founders.
Website: <https://www.futurpreneur.ca/>



3. Funding & Financial Supports

General Funding, Loans, Credits

Downtown PG Micro Grants

Reimbursement micro-grants (typically up to \$500) for beautification, ecommerce, events, marketing, safety, and façade improvements. <https://downtownpg.com/business/prosper/grant-programs/>

Business Benefits Finder

Tailored list of programs/credits across Canada. Link: <https://innovation.ised-isde.canada.ca/innovation/s/>

Canada Small Business Financing Program

Loans via banks with federal risk-sharing; up to \$1.15M (various caps).

Link: <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/canada-small-business-financing-program/en>

NDIT Competitiveness Consulting Rebate

Up to 50% (to \$30k/yr) for eligible external consulting to boost competitiveness.

Link: <https://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/funding-programs/business-development/competitiveness-consulting-rebate/>

SR&ED Tax Incentives

Federal R&D tax credits (plus B.C. credit) for eligible scientific/technical work.

- Federal: <https://www.canada.ca/.../scientific-research-experimental-development-tax-incentive-program.html>
 - Provincial: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/income-taxes/corporate/credits/scientific-research-development>
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Accelerated Investment Incentive

Enhanced first-year CCA/expensing for eligible assets.

Website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/businesses/topics/sole-proprietorships-partnerships/report-business-income-expenses/claiming-capital-cost-allowance/accelerated-investment-incentive.html>

PacifiCan

Contribution funding to scale/innovate and regional diversification programs.

Website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/pacific-economic-development.html>





Industry-Targeted Funding

Manufacturing

BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund

Capital support to modernize/expand; focus on value-added and communities in transition.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/.../manufacturing-jobs-fund>

Forestry

Northern Industries Innovation Fund

Incremental funding for innovation that increases competitiveness.

<https://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/.../northern-industries-innovation-fund/>

Housing

- BC Housing funding: <https://www.bchousing.org/projects-partners/funding-opportunities>
 - Building BC streams and BC Builds opportunities for partners. <https://www.bcbuildshomes.ca/>
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Construction

- NRCA training/networks and industry supports: <https://www.nrca.ca>
 - CMHC programs for multi-unit/affordable builds: <https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/>
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Mining

- Mineral Exploration Tax Credit (federal, flow-through). <https://natural-resources.canada.ca/minerals-mining/mining-policy-taxation-industry/mining-taxation/mining-specific-tax-provisions>

Marketing Specific Grants & Resources

Innovate BC – Go-To-Market Microgrant

- Early sales & marketing support
- Non-repayable funding: \$10,000–\$50,000
- Covers up to 75% of project costs (25% cash match required)

Link: <https://www.innovatebc.ca/go-to-market-microgrant>

Destination BC – Digital & Social Media Marketing

- Free guides, tools, templates & videos for tourism-focused digital marketing
- Training on SEO, content creation, Google Analytics, email marketing, and social media engagement
- Free self-guided Tourism Digital Academy program with 6-month access to resources.

Link: <https://www.destinationbc.ca/learning-centre/category/digital-social-media-marketing/>

4. Tax Support & Reporting

Register for PST (B.C.) and GST/HST (federal)

- PST (Provincial): <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/sales-taxes/pst/register>
- GST/HST (Federal): <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/businesses/topics/gst-hst-businesses/when-register-charge.html>

Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)

Business number, payroll/GST, small business deductions, SR&ED, and filing resources.
<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency>

CRA Liaison Officer Service

Free, confidential help for small businesses and self-employed owners to understand tax obligations.
<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/programs/about-canada-revenue-agency-cra/compliance/liaison-officer-initiative-loi.html>

5. Workforce & Talent

BC Employer Training Grant

Cost-sharing for upskilling current staff or new hires through WorkBC:
Link: <https://www.workbc.ca/find-loans-and-grants/industry-and-employers/bc-employer-training-grant>

StrongerBC Future Skills Grant

Up to \$3,500 for eligible short-term training at public post-secondaries through WorkBC
Link: <https://www.workbc.ca/find-loans-and-grants/students-and-adult-learners/strongerbc-future-skills-grant>

Community Workforce Response Grant

Rapid response training for urgent local labour needs via cohorts through WorkBC.
Link: <https://www.workbc.ca/find-loans-and-grants/community/community-workforce-response-grant>

Post Secondary Training

Custom training, work-integrated learning, and industry partnerships.

- CNC: <https://cnc.bc.ca/continuing-education/prince-george>
 - UNBC: <https://www.unbc.ca/>
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Apprenticeship Supports, Construction Hiring Pathways, and Job Portal

- Skilled Trades BC: <https://skilledtradesbc.ca>
 - STEP: <https://stepbc.ca>
 - Talent Central: <https://talentcentral.ca>
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Move Up Prince George

Attract/retain workers with relocation info and job links. <https://www.moveupprincegeorge.ca/>

Upskill Canada

Short, industry-led programs in high-growth sectors.
<https://paletteskills.org/upskill-canada/about-upskill-canada>

Work-Sharing (ESDC)

Temporary EI support to avoid layoffs during downturns.
<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/ei/work-sharing.html>

6. Exporting, Importing & Trade

Export Support

Export Navigator

One-on-one export advising, market research, and compliance navigation. <https://exportnavigator.ca/>

Export Development Canada (EDC)

Financing, insurance, bonding, and market insights to manage risk and grow sales. <https://www.edc.ca/>

Trade Commissioner Service

Market intelligence, qualified connections, and funding (e.g., CanExport SMEs).

<https://www.tradecommissioner.gc.ca/>

Import/Tariff & Duty Relief

CBSA Trade Incentive Programs

Duty deferral, drawbacks, bonded warehousing, Canadian Goods Abroad, and temporary importations.

<https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/trade-commerce/tip-pec-eng.html>

Canada Tariff Finder

Check tariffs in FTA partner markets. <https://www.tariffinder.ca>

Provincial/Federal tariff guidance

Current measures and business support related to U.S. tariff actions.

- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/tariffs>
 - <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/work-sharing.html>
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7. Innovation, R&D, and Clean Tech

Northern Industries Innovation Fund (NDIT)

Supports innovation projects in traditional industries to increase competitiveness.

Link: <https://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/funding-programs/business-development/northern-industries-innovation-fund/>

Strategic Innovation Fund (ISED)

Large-scale investments (business growth & collaborations).

Link: <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/ised/en/programs-and-initiatives/strategic-response-fund>

CleanBC for Business

Practical pathways to reduce emissions and operating costs.

Guide: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/climate-change/action/cleanbc/cleanbc_roadmap_business_brochure.pdf

BC Hydro Incentives

Programs and rebates for energy savings in facilities:

Link: <https://www.bchydro.com/powersmart/business/programs.html>

Clean Fuels Fund / Critical Minerals Infrastructure Fund

Capital and enabling infrastructure for clean fuels and critical minerals.

- <https://natural-resources.canada.ca/energy-sources/clean-fuels/clean-fuels-fund>
 - <https://www.canada.ca/en/campaign/critical-minerals-in-canada/federal-support-for-critical-mineral-projects-and-value-chains/critical-minerals-infrastructure-fund1.html>
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ExploreIP

Marketplace of public-sector IP available for licensing/collaboration.

<https://ised-isde.canada.ca/ipm-mcpi/>

Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED)

Canada's largest R&D tax incentive program.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/scientific-research-experimental-development-tax-incentive-program.html>

NRC IRAP

Advisory and funding support for SME technology development and hiring youth.

<https://nrc.canada.ca/en/support-technology-innovation>

Clean Growth Hub

A federal navigation service that helps cleantech and clean growth entrepreneurs find relevant funding, programs, and calls for innovation across the Government of Canada.

Link: <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/clean-growth-hub/en>

Northx Climate Tech (Formally CICE)

Connects climate tech entrepreneurs with funding opportunities, pilot projects, and sector-specific calls for innovation driven by industry and challenge holders.

Link: <https://northx.ca/>

Emergency Management & Climate Readiness

Disaster Financial Assistance after eligible events.

Link: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/preparedbc/evacuation-recovery/disaster-financial-assistance>



8. Industry-Specific Supports

Forestry

Northern Innovation Network

Build Your Own Future (BYOF) for workers affected by mill curtailments (grant + training + coaching).

Link: <https://northerninnovation.ca/byof/>

FPInnovations

Research, technical services, and applied innovation support for forestry, wood products, and bioeconomy businesses across the value chain.

Website: <https://web.fpinnovations.ca/>

WoodWorks

Technical expertise, education, and market development support to expand the use of wood and mass timber in non-residential and multi-family construction.

Website: <https://cwc.ca/>

Forestry Innovation Investment (FII)

Supports B.C.'s forest sector through global market development, trade programs, and funding calls to advance value-added wood products and sustainable forestry solutions.

Website: <https://www.bcfii.ca/>

Manufacturing

BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund

Capital modernization/expansion; emphasis on value-added wood.

Link: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/economic-development/support-organizations-community-partners/rural-economic-development/manufacturing-jobs-fund>

Value-Added Accelerators (Provincial Government)

Roadmap/programming to scale value-added wood manufacturing.

Link: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/competitive-forest-industry/value-added-wood-manufacturing>

Excellence in Manufacturing Consortium (EMC)

Peer network, programs, recruiting and training supports.

Link: <https://emccanada.org/programs>

Youth in Manufacturing (EMC)

Paid placements and mentoring subsidy for ages 16–24.

<https://emccanada.org/emc-network/funded-programs/bc-youth-in-manufacturing>



Mining

Mineral Exploration Tax Credit

15% federal credit (flow-through).

<https://natural-resources.canada.ca/minerals-mining/mining-policy-taxation-industry/mining-taxation/mining-specific-tax-provisions>

Construction

NRCA

Training, advocacy, BidCentral, and mental-health supports.

Website: <https://www.nrca.ca>

ICBA

Apprenticeships and professional development (training hub).

Website: <https://icbatraining.ca/>

CMHC

Funding programs for housing supply and affordability.

Website: <https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/>

Housing

BC Housing

Building BC streams (e.g., Community Housing Fund) with periodic calls for proposals.

<https://www.bchousing.org/projects-partners/funding-opportunities>

BC Builds

Partner-led, faster delivery of lower-cost rentals; subscribe for development opportunities.

<https://www.bcbuildshomes.ca/>

BC Non-Profit Housing Association

Sector training, resources, and programs. <https://bcnpha.ca/>

9. Procurement (Government Contracting)

City of Prince George

Bids & Tenders portal for municipal opportunities.

<https://princegeorge.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en>

Procurement Assistance Canada

Training and help to bid on federal contracts.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-services-procurement/services/acquisitions/support-for-businesses.html>



Doing Business with BC Government

BC Bid resources, policy, training, and supports.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/business/business-government>

10. Buying, Selling, Succession or Closing a Business

VentureConnect

Succession planning and business sale readiness; assistance for buyers.

Website: <https://ventureconnect.ca/>

BC Business Match

Expert-led matching for buyers/sellers and communities.

Website: <https://bcbusinessmatch.ca/>

Closing or changing legal status

Dissolution and status change guides (BC & Canada).

- https://www.corporateonline.gov.bc.ca/WebHelp/overview_vd.htm
 - <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/businesses/topics/business-registration/maintain-business/change-legal-status.html>
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Bankruptcy resources

Government of Canada options, processes, and trustee info.

Link: <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/office-superintendent-bankruptcy/en>

Competition Bureau (M&A)

Guidance on merger reviews and thresholds.

Link: <https://competition-bureau.canada.ca/en/mergers-and-acquisitions>

