



Entrepreneurs with Disabilities

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

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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.

Contact: Canadian Pension Plan (CPP) – Disability Vocational Rehabilitation Program
Service Canada
Toll free: 1-800-277-9914
TTY: 1-800-255-4786
Website: www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/services/pensions/cpp/disability/voc-rehab.shtml

Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program

The Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program offers business services to people with disabilities or health conditions in rural Manitoba. This program provides one-to-one business consultation, access to business information and resources, assistance with business plans and business loans up to \$150,000.

Contact: Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program
Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD)
Delivered by: Community Futures Offices in Rural Manitoba
Phone: 1-888-303-2232
Email: edpinfo@mts.net
Website: www.wd.gc.ca/eng/13643.asp

marketAbilities Program

The marketAbilities Program may provide the financial assistance to participants who are pursuing self-employment or a home-based business including disability-related support services, initial start-up costs and specific skills training, or business management training.

Contact: marketAbilities Program: Home-based and Self-Employment
Manitoba Jobs and the Economy
Winnipeg Service Locations
Rural and Northern Service Locations
Phone: 204-945-3744
Toll free: 1-866-626-4862
TTY: 204-945-4796 or 1-800-855-0511
Website: www.gov.mb.ca/jec/eia/marketAbilities/vrmanual/155.2.html

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
Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)/Service Canada
Toll free: 1-800-622-6232
TTY: 1-800-926-9105
Website: www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/of/

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: Self-employment (SE) Program
Employment Manitoba
Phone: 204-945-0575
Toll free: 1-866-332-5077

Specially-Equipped Motor Vehicles Rebate

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: Specially-Equipped Motor Vehicles Rebate
Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)
Toll free: 1-800-959-8281
Website: www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/bsnss/tpcs/gst-tps/rbts/vhcls/menu-eng.html

Urban Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Project

This program provides one-to-one business consultation, access to business information and resources and assistance with business plans to help Winnipeg entrepreneurs with disabilities start or expand their own business.

Contact: Urban Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Project
Independent Living Resource Centre (ILRC)
Phone & TTY: 204-947-0194
Toll free: 1-800-663-3043
Email: thecentre@ilrc.mb.ca
Website: www.ilrc.mb.ca/programs/uedp/index.htm

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: About Multiple Formats
Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)
Toll free: 1-800-959-8281
TTY: 1-800-665-0354
Website: www.cra-arc.gc.ca/alternate

Canadian Society for Social Development

The Canadian Society for Social Development (CSSD) is a federally incorporated non-profit with charitable status that provides, online entrepreneurial and web design training to persons with disabilities across Canada. CSSD offers two online programs:

- The Internet Business Development for Entrepreneurs with Disabilities (IBDE) is a six month accredited course that teaches participants how to create websites for either their own businesses or for other small businesses.
- The Business Abilities Program is a free, one year self-paced business planning and management course that also provides online business coaching assistance while you start your business.

Contact: Canadian Society for Social Development (CSSD)
Toll free: 1-888-927-7473
Website: www.cssd-web.org

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: Tax Information for Persons with Disabilities
Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)
Toll free: 1-800-959-8281
Website: www.cra-arc.gc.ca/disability

OTHER SERVICES

Persons with Disabilities Online

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: Persons with Disabilities Online
Toll free: 1-800-622-6232
Website: www.pwd-online.gc.ca