



BC NEWCOMER SERVICES PROGRAM

NEWSLETTER

December, 2024

Welcome, everyone! This is the newsletter from the BC Newcomer Services Program (BCNSP) team. Here, you can find the latest updates, schedule of our services, upcoming events, and community resources.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

The BCNSP offers new workshops and events at no cost! Check out our monthly scheduled agenda below.

Some workshops require registration in advance and have eligibility requirements. Connect with us for the most up-to-date news! Email us at bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca.

WHO ARE WE?

BCNSP program is to support the social and economic integration of newcomers to the BC province who are not eligible for federally funded settlement services. The program aims to help clients achieve their best possible settlement outcomes.





Need to improve your English proficiency?

We offer **FREE** English classes & practice for all levels (beginner, intermediate, advanced) that you can join to improve your language skills. These classes are available in-person or online at various locations. Please contact BCNSP team (bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca) to learn about available classes and eligibility requirements.



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To register, please email us: bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca

<p>We also provide</p> <p>Immigration and Settlement Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • immigration consultation through law clinic, information & referrals, assistance with non-immigration forms <p>Labour market services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-employment training • Networking info, support related to workplace issues, job search resources, resume/cover letter review <p>English Language Training (formal/ informal)</p>	<p>Let's stay connected!</p> <p>You can find more information about us at: https://www.vircs.bc.ca/bcnsp</p>
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*Please see page 5 and 6 for full details of our English classes schedule

Know Your Rights as a Worker in B.C.

Join us to learn what wage theft is, how to calculate your wages correctly, and where to find community resources for support.

Date: Monday, December 16, 2024
Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm
via Zoom

For free registration, please contact BCNSP team: bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca



Online (Zoom)
Monday, December 16, 2024
6:30pm - 7:30pm

PRESENTED BY
WORKER SOLIDARITY NETWORK

Are you a temporary foreign worker and want to learn about your rights in B.C.?

Too many workers have already experienced wage theft, unjust termination, and other violations of the Employment Standards Act. Join us to learn what wage theft is, how to calculate your wages correctly, and where to find community resources for support.

EXPLORE *Job opportunities*



New to Canada Program

Are you **a newcomer business owner** looking to grow your business in Greater Victoria Region?

ELIGIBILITY

You **must** present a valid business license and have been in Canada for three or less years.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Comprehensive support in the development of your business through the provision of two years of membership with the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce
- Community engagement opportunities

Apply Here:



In this section, you will find information about job fairs and employment workshops taking place in the Greater Victoria area. We understand that immigrating and finding a new job can be challenging, and we want to support you during this journey.

BCNSP offers various services to increase workforce readiness and knowledge of job market.

All BCNSP services are provided at no charge and delivered with cultural sensitivity and confidentiality.

Our labor market support includes:

- Information, Orientation, and networking
- Information on workplace rights and responsibilities and supports
- Employment counseling
- Short-term pre-employment training
- Supported access to WorkBC and other provincial/federal employment training programs

**The employment services are open to certain eligibility.*

Email us for more info:

bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca



E-Connect for Temporary Foreign Workers in BC

The online learning program offers flexibility in hours and the convenience of studying from home so you can continue working while you study.

Online Topics Include

- **Understanding the Canadian Workplace**
- **Job Search Support & Webinars**
- **Practicing Assertiveness, Stress Management and Conflict Resolution**
- **Learning Tips on Clear Communication**

For more information, please contact

tfwonline@issbc.org
604-374-3405



DECEMBER 2024 SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS




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**Are you temporary residents in Canada?
Do you have immigration questions?**

Our law clinic offer free consultation for eligible clients who are:

- Work Permit Holders
- Study Permit Holders*
- Naturalized Canadian Citizens
- Refugee Claimants*
- Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) visa holders
- BC Provincial Nominees or BCPNP Entrepreneur Immigration candidates.







Immigration
consultation

FREE

**By Registered Canadian
Immigration Consultant -
Immigration Refugee Board (RCIC -
IRB)**

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For free registration and more
information, please email:
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Immigration Law Clinic by Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant / Lawyer

If you have immigration-related questions such as Pathways to Permanent Residency, Temporary Foreign Worker Programs, or updated information about immigration policies, we can provide for you free limited consultations with a suitable immigration consultant/lawyer.

For appointment details and bookings, please email: bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca


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FORM FILLING SUPPORT CLINIC

FREE

A FREE SERVICE FOR IMMIGRANTS AND NEWCOMERS

Our BCNSP team of settlement counselors can assist you with filling out forms and preparing supporting documents for non-immigration applications including but not limited to:

- BC Services Card
- Canada Child Benefit (CCB)
- Canada Dental Care Plan
- LIFE program

- BC Housing
- Income Assistance
- School registration
- And more



LOCATIONS

- **GVPL-Nellie McClung Branch:** every Tuesday 2 - 4 PM
(3950 Cedar Hill Rd, Victoria, V8P 5Z9)
- **GVPL-Saanich Centennial Branch:** every Thursday 11 - 1 PM
(3110 Tillicum Rd, Victoria, V9A 6T2)
- **VIRL-Sooke Branch:** 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month 10:30 - 12 PM
(6671 Wadams Way, Sooke, BC, V9Z 0A4)

All BCNSP services are free of charge and confidential. We deliver services in different languages and at accessible locations.

To book an appointment or for more information, please contact:
bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca

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Form Filling Support Clinic

Navigating government websites and resources to apply for benefits can be challenging! Our team of experienced settlement counselors can help you with filling out forms and preparing supporting documents for non-immigration applications. Meet us at different Greater Victoria Public Libraries (GVPLs). Details of the locations and time are listed in the poster.

To book an appointment, please email: bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca.



WORKSHOP CALENDAR

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
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• Employment services (*Open to certain eligible clients only) -Pre-employment training -Resume /Cover Letter Review Contact Serena Lee, Employment Coordinator at serena@vircs.bc.ca					@VIATEC: Tectoria, 777 Fort Street, Victoria, BC @Coastal Offices: 328 Wale Rd #132, Colwood, BC @GVPL-Juan de Fuca: 1759 Island Hwy, Victoria, BC @City Light Church: 550 Obed Avenue, Victoria BC				



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Check out our full workshops calendar and don't hesitate join our activities. We look forward to seeing you here. Send us an email at: bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca



ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING (ELT) CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Do you want to join English class?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Email Settlement Worker at bcnsp@vircs.bc.ca to register. Have a short assessment with Mike to determine a suitable class for you. Meet our ELT Instructors and enjoy the classes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GVPL Juan de Fuca Branch - 1759 Island Hwy, Victoria, BC V9B 1J1 City of lights Church - 550 Obed Avenue, Victoria, V9A 1K5 			<p>Program Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary Foreign Workers* Naturalized Citizens* <p>* Restrictions apply</p>	
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