

Alberta Works

The goal of Alberta Works is to help people find and keep jobs, help low-income Albertans cover their basic costs of living and help employers meet their need for skilled workers. Because people have different needs, Alberta Works offers services in different ways.

Employment and Training Services

Alberta Works provides current career, workplace and labour market information, career planning, job-search assistance, a job order bank and job placement services.

Alberta Works also assists adults to get the academic upgrading, language courses or job skills training needed to find and keep a job.

Training can take place at the workplace or in classrooms provided by colleges, technical institutes and private training providers. The cost of tuition, books and supplies is covered for those who are eligible.

Income Support

Alberta Works provides Income Support to those who do not have the resources to meet basic needs. People in three general situations may qualify:

- people who are looking for work, unable to work in the short-term or working and need short-term assistance
- people who need academic upgrading or training so they can get a job
- people who have difficulty working because of chronic mental or physical health problems or because of multiple barriers to employment.

The level of assistance depends on each person's situation, including financial resources, special needs, ability to work and the number of children in the family.

Health Benefits

Through Alberta Works, people who are eligible for Income Support receive a health benefits card for themselves and their dependants. The card covers dental care, eye exams, glasses, prescription drugs, essential diabetic supplies and emergency ambulance services.

People who leave Income Support and have employment or self-employment income continue to receive health benefits through the Alberta Adult Health Benefit, which covers them and their dependants. This program is also available to women during pregnancy and to low income households with high on-going prescription needs.

Children of low-income families are eligible for Alberta Child Health Benefits.

Child Support Services

Alberta Works helps single parents and parents living in blended families get the child support payments and other legal agreements or court orders needed to obtain child support.

For more information:

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