

Labour Market Report

Centre for Skilled and Internationally Trained Professionals



Centre Update

We are pleased to announce that the Centre has changed its name to “Centre for Skilled and Internationally Trained Professionals” to recognize the broader client base we can now assist. In addition to continuing our work with professionals who hold at least one degree, we can also accept immigrants who have some training from outside of Canada, including tradespersons. We are excited to receive this opportunity to help even more clients transition into positions that utilize their education and experience.

On June 1, the Centre hosted a celebration for the Internationally Educated Veterinarians who passed the North America Veterinary Licensing Exam (NAVLE). We offer them our congratulations on their success!

We would like to welcome Thelma Mboko onto the team as an Assessment Officer. At the same time, we are sad to see both Michael and Douglas go for new challenges. We wish you both the best of luck!

Employment Standards: Hours of rest and work

With any professional or transitional job, employees are required by law to be given breaks, the number and length of which are determined by the length of a shift. Key times affecting work breaks and shifts:

- √ Over 5 hours: at least one 30-minute paid or unpaid break or several shorter breaks totaling at least 30 minutes
- √ 12 hours: maximum working period in a day, except in emergencies and some industries (for example, geophysical exploration and oilwell servicing)
- √ 8 hours: minimum rest period between shifts, when the employer requires the worker to change from one shift to another
- √ 24 hours: minimum period for being notified of a shift change

- √ 1 day: minimum rest period each week. Rest days can be saved for use at one time within a four-week period
- √ 24 consecutive days: maximum consecutive days required work. Must be followed by four consecutive days rest

(information taken from *A Guide to Rights & Responsibilities in Alberta Workplaces*, Government of Alberta, AHRE 2005)

Occupational Specific Group Meetings & Centre Events

- IMG Meetings & Study Groups*: See Anna
- IEG Meetings*: Tuesdays, 12:30-1:30pm
- NAVLE Study Group*: See Judith
- June 15 – Cultural Awareness workshop
- June 19 – APEGGA IEG registration process

Monthly Reflection

“Even the smallest victory is never to be taken for granted. Each victory must be applauded, because it is so easy not to battle at all, to just accept and call that acceptance inevitable.”

– Audre Lorde

June Events

- **June 1, 9am-6pm - SNC-Lavalin Open House** for Edmonton, Calgary & Saudi Arabia (Sutton Place Hotel, 10235-101 Street, Edmonton): learn more and apply for opportunities: www.snclavalin.com/careers
- **June 12-14, Gas & Oil Exposition 2007** (TELUS Convention Centre, Calgary): conference, courses, tradeshow. For more information, and a free exhibition pass, visit: <http://www.petroleumshow.com/goexpo/>

Remember to pick up a copy of the free and low-cost calendar of events happening in and around the city!