

A new online resource to help newcomers and prospective immigrants put their skills to work in Canada faster was announced on March 20th, 2009 by Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism Minister Jason Kenney.

There are thousands of newcomers arriving to Canada each year, and it is in Canada's best interest to do everything it can to help these people put their skills to work. "Planning to work in Canada? An essential workbook for newcomers" uses a step-by-step approach to guide immigrants who intends to enter the Canadian labour market. It includes information on how to begin the credential assessment process as well as how to explore alternatives when immediate access to a previous profession is not feasible.

Other information it provides include:

- Living in Canada, including information on organizations that help immigrants;
- The importance of knowing one of Canada's official languages;
- Finding a job in Canada, including the difference between regulated and non-regulated professions, how to find job opportunities, and the process to get certified, licensed and/or registered;
- The importance of identifying and gathering work-related documents; and
- Education and academic credentials, including information on how to determine the difference between education and credentials obtained in another country and those obtained in Canada.

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