

Durham Region Unemployed Help Centre

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Welcome

The Labour Force landscape has changed dramatically.

A low unemployment rate in the Durham Region means that there are plenty of opportunities available right here in our area.

Being informed will help you find the right opportunity. Utilize the [many resources](#) available to help you navigate career choices, including the webpage, [Job Market Trends and News](#).

We can help you with a Back-to-Work Action Plan.

[Book an appointment and visit us on-site for a one-on-one employment counselling session.](#)

Many Jobs Available

With nearly 400,000 vacant jobs in Canada, there has never been a better time to look for work.

Following labour market events can help job seekers understand where to find short, medium and long-term opportunities.

Visit the Government of Canada's Job Bank website for [Job Market Trends and News](#) about noteworthy events that may influence the labour force across Canada.

Search by a specific news event type, sector or region.

[View the webpage.](#)

Low Unemployment Rate

Did you know that low unemployment can be bad for the economy?

In a recent durhamregion.com article, Heather McMillan, Executive Director of the Durham Workforce Authority states why.

The Oshawa Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) - including Oshawa, Whitby and Clarington - is at a low unemployment rate of 4.9% for the total population. The youth rate is at 11.9%.

The normal rate of unemployment for this area is 6%. At 6%, employers can find workers and workers move through the labour force.

At a low unemployment rate, the labour market tightens. Employers site difficulty in finding workers and specific skill sets.

This may result in increasing wages to attract workers which leads wage inflation.

[Read the \[durhamregion.com\]\(http://durhamregion.com\) article "Zero unemployment is a bad thing".](#)

How to Cancel an Interview

When looking for work, you may need to cancel or reschedule a job interview - how you do it could burn a bridge or leave a good impression.

Scheduling interviews can be a complex process.

Be considerate. When candidates cancel appointments with little or no warning, it can affect the schedule of many individuals including hiring managers, HR staffers, recruiters and other candidates.

Use social intelligence skills to keep relationships intact. You never know when a connection might help your future career.

Notice - Try to give at least 24 hr notice.

Make it brief - State the purpose of your correspondence, e.g. to cancel or reschedule.

Call - Make a phone call. It is more personable than text or email.

Apologize - An apology will show that you are considerate of the hiring manager's time.

[Learn more in the Dice article "The Right Way to Cancel a Job Interview"](#).

DRUHC in the Community

Representatives of the Durham Region Unemployed Help Centre are often in the community offering workshops to job seekers and delivering presentations to employers.

Last month we were at the Ajax Public Library to help job seekers better understand strategies, business perspectives and the next steps related to the challenging job search process.

[See you at one of our locations](#) or in the community!

Workshops for Job Seekers

We have many types of workshops, each one designed to help job seekers at different stages in their job search.

Our workshops are designed to improve your employment opportunities and to provide information on government programs to assist you in upgrading your skills/education.

View a listing of the [Workshops and Training](#) available at one of our locations. To view upcoming events, [click on the Events Calendar](#).

OSAP Info Session

Find out more about applying for financial assistance through Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP).

A Guest Speaker from Durham College will be at the Pickering Welcome Centre to discuss OSAP, eligibility, application process, loan amount, repayment, etc.

Thursday June 21, 2018

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Pickering Welcome Centre

[Click to view the flyer.](#) Register by phone or email to attend.

Phone: 1-877-761-1155 or call Ana at 905-420-3607

Email: panagal@cdcd.org

Path to Newcomers Success

Path to Newcomers Success (PNS) is an employment program for newcomers including refugees, refugee claimants, and permanent residents who are unemployed and eligible to work in Canada.

PNS helps participants prepare for the workplace and find employment through language and pre-employment training.

Eligible participants have low-level English proficiency and are willing to accept entry-level positions that do not require strong English language skills.

The next Path to Newcomers Success intake is from July 9-20, 2018 in Pickering.

[For more information, please click here.](#)

Upcoming Elections - Vote!

On June 7, 2018, a new Ontario Government will be determined by voters.

The 42nd Parliament of Ontario, comprised of 124 people, will be selected to form the provincial government.

Global News has put together answers to the questions that Ontarians are asking about the voting process including:

- How/when do I vote?
- Can I mail in my vote?
- What do I do if I have a disability?
- Who can vote?
- What ID do I need?
- Do I need to register before I vote?
- Can I take time off work to vote?

[Go to "Ontario election 2018: How, when and where to vote" for more information.](#)

Job Opportunities

[- Assistant Team Leader](#)

- [- General Maintenance](#)
- [- Injection Moulding Operator](#)
- [- Home Maintenance Person](#)
- [- Shelter Service Agent](#)
- [- Veterinary Technician Assistant](#)
- [- Animal Care Worker](#)
- [- Railway Ambassador](#)

Please view the [DRUHC Job Portal](#) or [come in to one of the Durham Region Unemployed Help Centre locations](#) to view many more job postings.

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