



Access to Technology (A2T)





Overview

Access to Technology (A2T) provides laptops to eligible clients participating in approved skills training programs with an online component.





Eligible Clients

Receiving at least one of the following forms of government assistance:

- BCEA - Income Assistance;
- BCEA PWD - Disability Assistance;
- Social Assistance provided by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) for persons living on a First Nation Reserve in BC;
- MCFD Agreement with a Young Adult.

Effective December 6, 2021

- Employment Insurance Client or a General Client assessed as having a financial need



Approved Skills Training Programs



Start on or after August 15, 2021



Have an online learning component



Lead to employment



Are a minimum of four consecutive weeks



Are on the Ministry approved list



Approved Skills Training Programs

WorkBC Employment Services	Workforce Innovation and Skills Training	Indigenous Skills and Employment Training
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short Duration Training• Occupational Skills Training• BC Adult Graduation Diploma• As identified by the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (for eligibility details please see WorkBC A2T Eligibility and FAQ on the Extranet)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skills Training for Employment• ITA Funded Pre-Apprenticeship Training• BladeRunners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skills training programs, as identified by each participating ISET, and confirmed by SDPR



Application Process

Prior to beginning the application process you will need:

- ✓ Training program start and end dates
- ✓ Client information (name, phone, email, and valid shipping address)
- ✓ The client's consent

To get started go to the A2T Homepage and click

Start

<https://access-to-technology.es.workbc.ca/>



Send Client Consent



Access to Technology [Home](#)

Access to Technology (A2T) Send Electronic Client Consent and Agreement Form

Service Provider Information

Referring Ministry *

The primary funding source for the majority share of the eligible skills training program

Please select a referring Ministry above to refine your applicable service providers

Service Provider E-mail Address *

someone@example.com

Service Provider Confirm E-mail Address *

someone@example.com

Client E-mail Address * someone@example.com

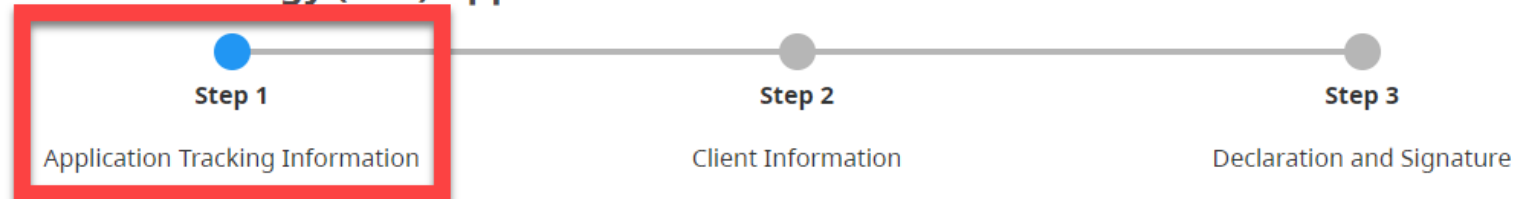
Submit



Ministry of
Social Development
and Poverty Reduction

Application Form – *Step 1*

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Service Provider Information

Referring Ministry *

Please select

The Ministry who is funding the majority share of the eligible skills training program

Please select a referring Ministry above to refine your applicable service providers

Service Provider Postal Code * V0R2V5

Staff Name *

Phone Number * 250-555-5555

E-mail Address * someone@example.com

Confirm E-mail Address * someone@example.com

Program Eligibility

Please select a referring Ministry above

Training Program Start Date *

Training Program End Date *

Note: Training program starts dates before August 15, 2021 do not qualify.

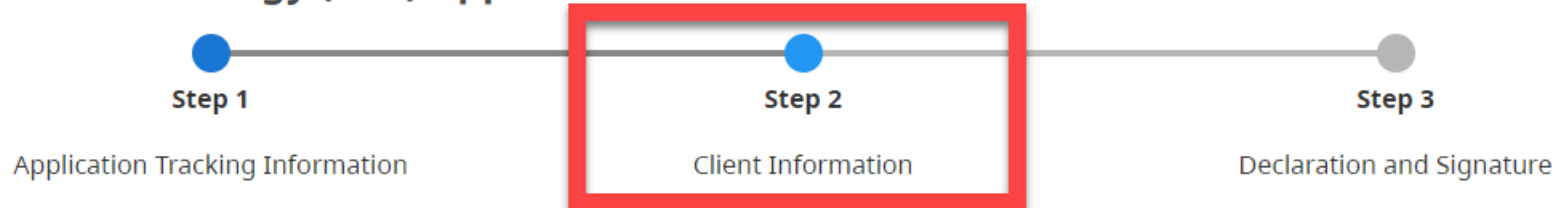
Client Eligibility

Select which of the following form(s) of government assistance the client is receiving (c

- ☐ Income Assistance or hardship assistance under the Employment and Assistance Act (Briti
- ☐ Disability Assistance or hardship assistance under the Employment and Assistance for Pers
- ☐ Social Assistance provided by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) for persons living on a Firs
- ☐ Assistance from the British Columbia Ministry of Children and Family Development under

Application Form – *Step 2*

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Client Information

Client First Name *

Client Last Name *

Client Middle Name(s)

Phone Number * 250-555-5555

E-mail Address *

someone@example.com

Confirm E-mail Address *

someone@example.com

Shipping Information

☐ The address below is in "care of" another individual other than the client.

Street Address 1 * 123 Main St.

Street Address 2 Apartment 207

City / Town *

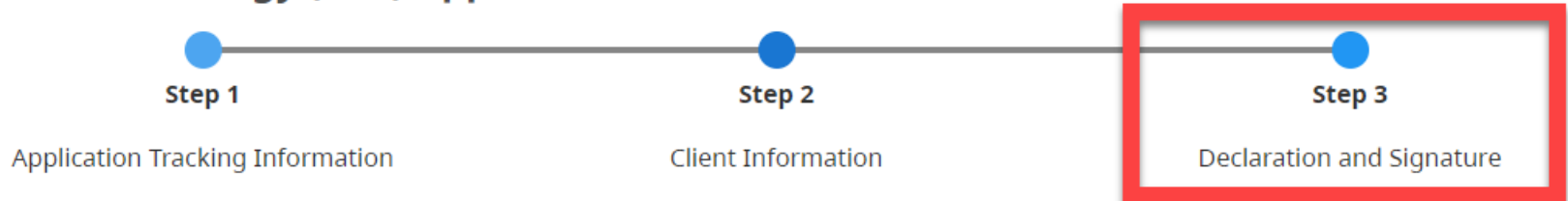
Province *

British Columbia

Postal Code * V0R2V5

Application Form – *Step 3*

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At Step 3, you will:

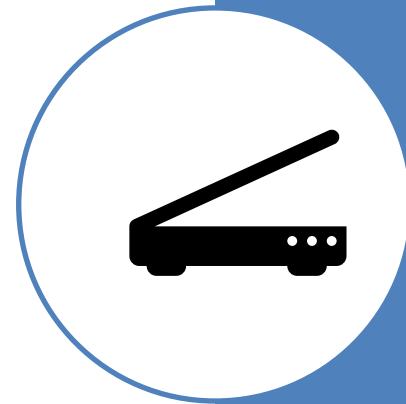
- Attest to the Client's Eligibility
- Attest to the Service Provider Responsibility
- Click Submit

Submit



Laptop

- The laptop will come with:
 - Installed Microsoft Office & antivirus software
 - Setup instructions
 - Virtual technical support about hardware and software setup
 - Troubleshooting tips and online resources
 - Warranty information
 - A return shipping label if laptop return is required
- The laptop will be mailed to the client address provided on the application form





Outcomes

We will send follow-up emails to confirm:

- Your client has **completed training** one month after training end date
- Your client's **employment situation** three months after training end date



Contact Us

Let us know of any changes in the client's:

- ☐ shipping address,
- ☐ email/contact information,
- ☐ training plans, or
- ☐ training start or end date



Email: AccessToTechnology@gov.bc.ca