Access to Technology (A2T)
Program Overview

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Welcoming Remarks

- Introductions

- Territorial Acknowledgement

- Reminder: Zoom Meeting Tips
  - Session will be recorded

  - Please hold questions until the end of the presentation

  - Submit questions via chat box or come off mute if you would like to ask a question

Agenda

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- Eligibility

- Application Process

- The Laptop

- Program Follow-up

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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 13, 2021

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

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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

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Approved Skills Training Programs

WorkBC Employment Services	Workforce Innovation and Skills Training	Indigenous Skills and Employment Training
• Short Duration Training • Occupational Skills Training • BC Adult Graduation Diploma	• Skills Training for Employment • ITA Funded Pre-Apprenticeship Training • BladeRunners	• Skills training programs, as identified by each participating ISET, and confirmed by SDPR

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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/

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Send Client Consent

Application Form – *Step 1*

Access to Technology (A2T) Application

Step 1 — Application Tracking Information
Step 2 — Client Information
Step 3 — Declaration and Signature

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

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☐ 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

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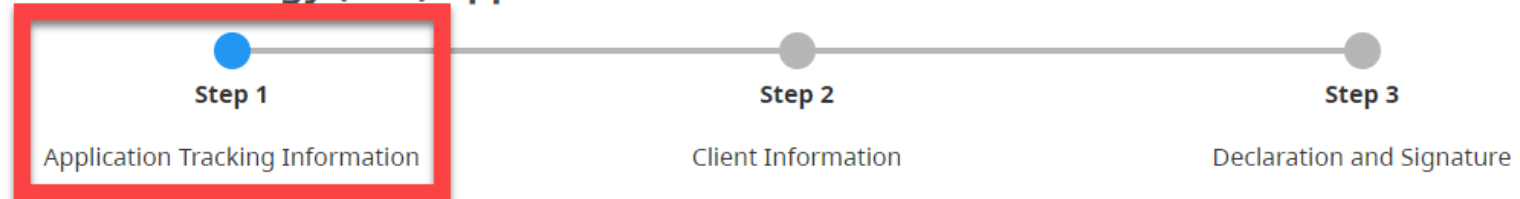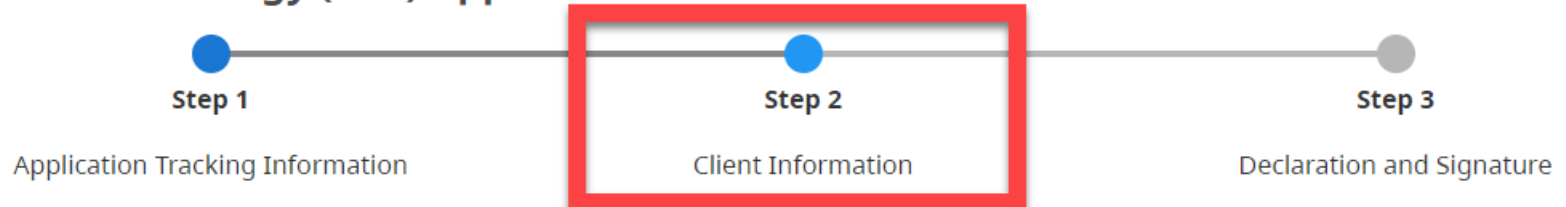Ministry of
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Application Form – *Step 2*

Access to Technology (A2T) Application

Step 1 — Application Tracking Information
Step 2 — Client Information
Step 3 — Declaration and Signature

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.

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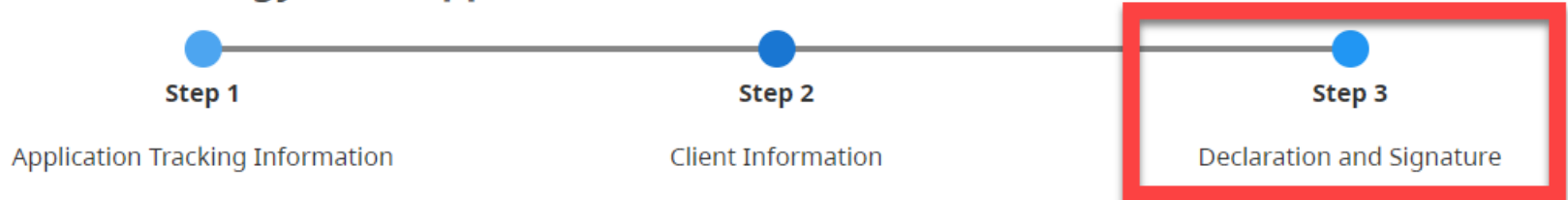
Street Address 2 Apartment 207

City / Town *

Province *
British Columbia

Postal Code * V0R2V5

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Application Form – *Step 3*

Access to Technology (A2T) Application

Step 1 — Application Tracking Information

Step 2 — Client Information

Step 3 — Declaration and Signature

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
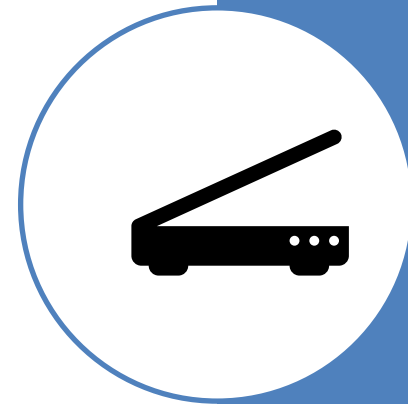
Follow-up

Clients will retain their laptop if they provide you with the following:

1. Proof of completion from the training provider; or

2. Written confirmation from the training provider that they:

   a. completed at least four consecutive weeks of training,

   b. were in regular attendance, and

   c. made good progress in the course.

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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

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Questions

- Submit questions via chat box

- Hands-up feature

- Come off mute if you would like to ask a question