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British Columbia is stronger because of our diversity.

Too many people are deeply affected by barriers because of their gender, race, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation or ability. People can often experience multiple, intersecting barriers such as poverty, racism, ableism, homophobia, and, or transphobia.

Work is underway to advance equity throughout B.C. New services and opportunities are helping to expand access to childcare, health care, education and training, affordable housing, counselling and crisis support services, as well as support for people facing gender-based violence. Work is also underway to create more opportunities for training, access to good jobs, and more balanced representation in leadership positions.

Education and training

Access to education and training

Health care

Access to health care



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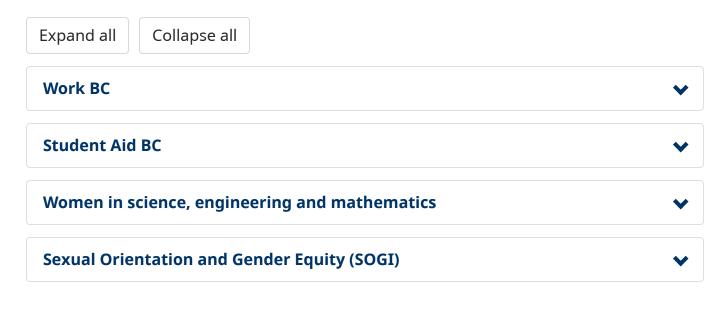
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Education



Access to education and training

All students should have equitable, inclusive access to learning opportunities for achievement and advancement. Here is some information and resources:

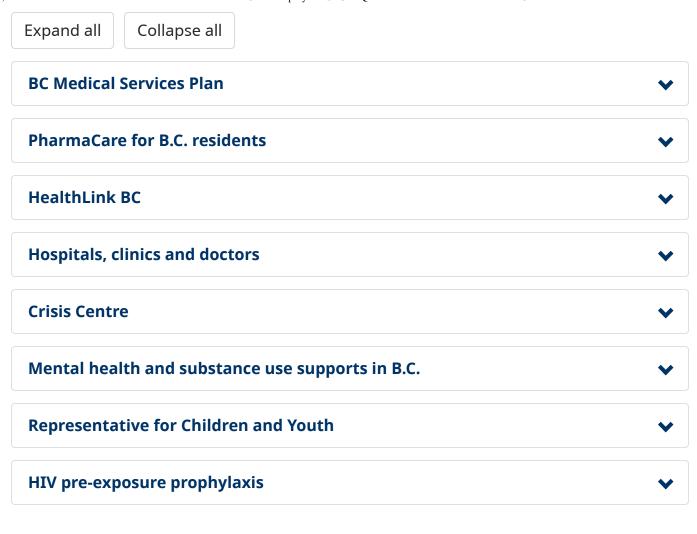


Health



Access to health care

B.C.'s publicly-funded health care system ensures that all eligible B.C. residents have access to medically necessary health care services through the Medical Services Plan and to eligible prescription medications, medical supplies, and pharmacy services through the PharmaCare program.



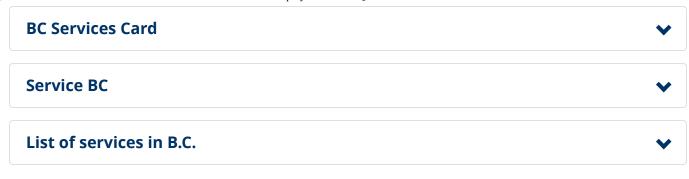
Changing your identification and accessing other services



Proving your identity is required for many day-to-day activities like completing an application or renting a hotel room. B.C. residents should have government-issued ID and know how to keep their personal identity safe.

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Gender diversity



Housing



Housing programs and support

Access to affordable, safe and appropriate housing is important for all communities to be healthy and economically resilient.

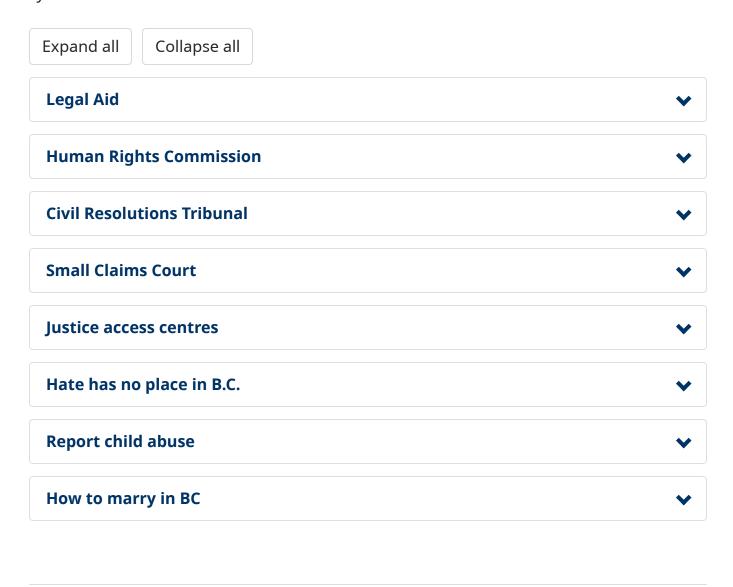


Law and human rights



British Columbia protects and promotes human rights through the B.C. Human Rights Code or the Code. The Code helps to protect you from discrimination and harassment. The independent Human Rights Tribunal is responsible for dealing with complaints under

the Human Rights Code. Learn more about your rights and how to access B.C.'s justice system:



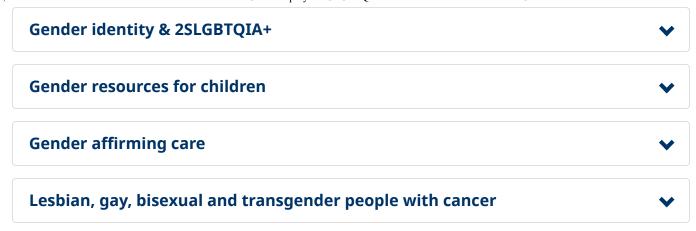
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2SLGBTQIA+ health

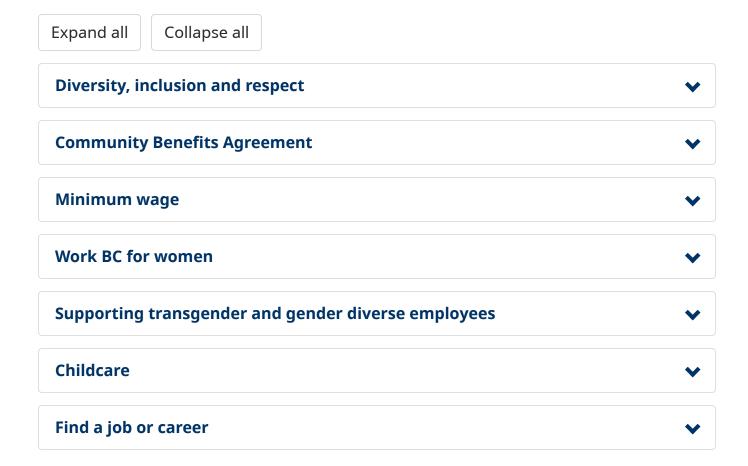
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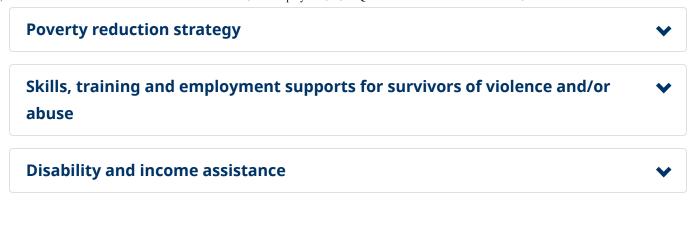
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Gender equity & 2SLGBTQIA+ employment and income supports

The B.C. government is committed to helping people achieve what they need to be successful. Here are some resources to help people looking for work or planning a career change. For those in need with no other resources, income assistance may help support a transition to employment. Disability assistance may also help those designated as a Person with Disabilities who need financial or health support.



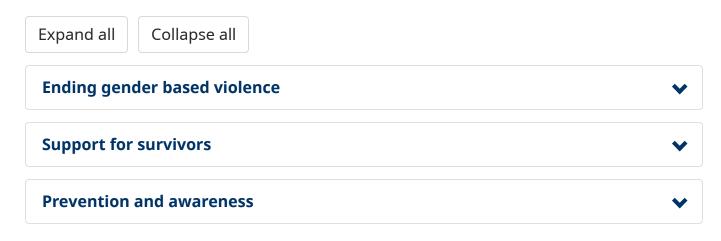


Safety and Gender Based Violence



Safety resources

Ending violence and supporting safety are a priority in B.C. Learn more about supports and services available to help people facing violence.



National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls was established by the federal government in September 2016 to examine and report on systemic causes of violence experienced by Indigenous women and girls and their greater vulnerability to violence.

In honour of the women, girls and two-spirit peoples who have been stolen and those who have survived, B.C. is committed to learning from their stories, taking action and enacting change.

Community-based engagement to collaborate on concrete steps was undertaken through the summer and early fall of 2019.

National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

Review the <u>B.C. submission</u> to the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

Did you find what you were looking for?

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