

Frequently Asked Questions

Employers

1.) **As a business owner, where can I go to receive financial assistance for dealing with the impacts of COVID-19?**

Both the Government of Canada and Government of Ontario have put in place a number of measures to assist businesses dealing with the economic downturn resulting from COVID-19. These measures include tax deferrals and wage subsidies. For a full listing of measures, please visit the following links:

[Government of Canada Economic Response Plan – Support to Businesses](#)
[Government of Ontario Action Plan](#)

Locally, businesses in the Algoma District can find information from the City of Sault Ste. Marie by visiting <https://saultstemarie.ca/COVID19businesses.aspx>. A hotline and dedicated email for business inquiries have also been set up, at (705)574-1230 and businessinfo@cityssm.on.ca respectively.

2.) **My business is still operating and I need to fill one or more positions. Can you help?**

Sault College Employment Solutions is still here to help during these challenging times. While our physical office is closed and we are no longer meeting clients face-to-face, **we are still open and providing ALL regular services through online and virtual methods.** Our job board continues to be active and we can further assist you with recruiting by collecting applications, pre-screening resumes, and providing referrals from a pool of qualified applicants.

If you need assistance with advertising or recruiting for positions, including urgent hiring needs, please contact us directly at **(705)356-1611**, toll-free at **(888)356-2836**, or by email at webinquirybr@saultcollege.ca so that we can connect you with one of our Employment Placement Advisors.

3.) **What services can you offer to local businesses right now?**

Sault College Employment Solutions Blind River is still open and providing all regular services through online and virtual methods. For employers, we can help with the following areas:

- Assistance with job postings and employee recruitment for businesses that need to increase staffing or backfill positions due to the COVID-19 situation
- Providing assistance to employees who have been laid-off and who need help obtaining financial support and government programs
- Assisting employees who have been temporarily laid off with referrals to service providers who can assist with basic needs, counselling, and mental health services
- Providing guidance to employers looking to access incentive programs such as the Canada-Ontario Job Grant.

Contact us at **(705)356-1611**, toll-free at **(888)356-2836**, or email webinquirybr@saultcollege.ca to be connected with a staff member who can assist and work with you and your business directly.