



Helping Businesses and Communities Succeed

May 12, 2022

Upcoming Training and Events

May 31 – [Emergency First Aid & CPR](#) - Alberton

COVID-19 Special Leave Fund - Changes

The provincial COVID-19 Special Leave Fund now provides up to five days per week, on two separate occasions, to a maximum of 10 days of wage support, to coincide with the current COVID-19 isolation requirements in the province. Check [HERE](#) for more details.

The Fund provides support to workers and self-employed individuals who:

- are unable to work due to illness, COVID-19 testing or are required to self-isolate;
- have children under the age of 12 or family members who need to isolate and are in need of supervised care; and
- do not have access to paid sick leave or the ability to work from home.

Canadian Digital Adoption Program

The Government of Canada recently announced the [Canada Digital Adoption Program \(CDAP\)](#) to help get your business online, give your e-commerce presence a boost, or help digitalize your business's operations. CDAP provides funding and support to businesses, as well as training and work opportunities for young Canadians. For more information and to find out which grant your business is eligible for check [HERE](#).

Community Facilities Registry

Are you looking for a community space to rent? Or does your organization have a kitchen or meeting room available?

The [Communities Facilities Registry](#) allows groups to book facilities such as community centres, arenas, etc for public gatherings across PEI. If you are responsible for a community facility and would like to be added, contact Giselle Bernard at 902-854-3680 or by email at gbbarnard@gov.pe.ca.

Jobs & Growth Fund

The [Jobs and Growth Fund](#) (JGF), delivered through ACOA, provides funding to businesses, co-ops, non-profit organizations and community economic development partners to help create jobs and position local economies for long-term growth. Businesses could receive interest-free repayable contributions for up to 50 percent of eligible costs and non-profits could receive non-repayable contributions for up to 90 percent of eligible costs. Applications will be accepted on a continuous intake basis until the funding is fully allocated. Please review the [applicant guide](#) for more information.

What Our Clients Are Saying

Lisa Reid, owner of Briarwood Coastal Cottages & Lodge, signed up for several workshops hosted by the Rural Action Centre in Alberton to learn new business skills. When asked if she would recommend visiting a RAC in your area, Lisa doesn't hesitate to answer. *"Absolutely, great support and information, networking,"* Lisa says. *"They are a wealth of knowledge."* Read Lisa's full success story [HERE](#).

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