

"An important part of our plan for Ontario's economy is Second Career. It helps laid-off workers make the transition to new careers in growing areas of the economy by offering training and related needs-based income support."

Premier Dalton McGuinty

Second Career is helping laid-off Ontarians succeed! It can help you, too.

- A 27-year-old mother was laid off in July from a telemarketing job that she'd held for six years in St. Catharines. Through Second Career she'll gain the skills she needs to become a recreation leader, and find work in a hospital, a seniors' centre, or a rehabilitation clinic.
- A 45-year-old man was laid off from the job he'd held for four years as a general labourer at a company in London. He is now training, with support from Second Career, to become a welder.
- A 31-year-old father of two was laid off from a job in the automotive industry. Second Career is now helping him complete a two-year culinary management program at a college in Peterborough.
- A 38-year-old woman was laid off after having worked as a salesperson in Barrie for almost a decade. Married, with three children in school, she found a part-time job in the dietary department of a nearby hospital. With help from Second Career, she is now studying to become a registered practical nurse.

See your Employment Ontario counsellor and explore options that may be right for you.

For further information please contact:
Employment Ontario at 1-800-387-5656
TTY: 1-866-768-1157 or
visit www.ontario.ca/secondcareer



Your Second Career starts here.

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Laid off? Take a seat and find out what's next!

Second Career is an Ontario government program that helps you train for a new job.

Second Career provides financial support to help laid-off Ontarians participate in training for a new career. Counsellors at Employment Ontario assessment centres across the province can help you take the first step.

Who can apply?

Laid-off workers – including those who have taken an interim job to make ends meet.

How long do you have to be out of work to apply?

If you were laid-off any time after January 1, 2005, you're eligible to apply for Second Career.

What kind of support is available?

Second Career provides up to \$28,000 to support tuition, travel, books, and other training-related costs. Additional funds may be available for people with disabilities, and for people who need help to pay for academic upgrading, the costs of living away from home, or child care.

How can I learn more?

Call the toll-free Employment Ontario hotline at 1-800-387-5656, or, for the hearing impaired, 1-866-768-1157.

Go online to visit www.ontario.ca/secondcareer.

Visit a local Employment Ontario assessment centre.

What will the Employment Ontario counsellor want to know?

Your assessment centre counsellor will want to know about:

- Your work history
- Your education and training
- Your skills
- Your interests

This will help you and your counsellor think about the kinds of careers that may be suitable for you.

Where can Second Career take you?

Second Career can help you train for a new career at a college or private career college anywhere in Ontario. There may be high-demand careers in areas such as:

- Natural and applied sciences and related areas
- Health care
- Dental health care
- Computer and information systems
- Construction, drafting, surveying and mapping
- Business, finance, and administration
- Food services and tourism
- Education and government services

