



STRONGERBC: FUTURE READY ACTION PLAN

TAKING ON THE CHALLENGES OF TODAY

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The StrongerBC: Future Ready Action Plan is a bold, transformative plan that will help thousands of people get the skills they need to succeed and help close the skills gap many employers are facing.

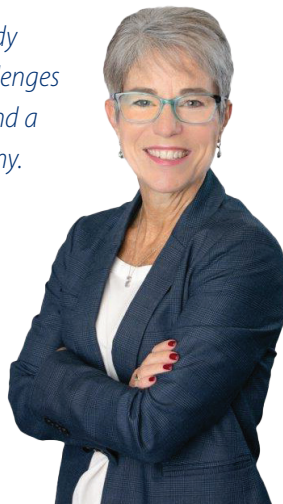
The \$480-million action plan makes education and training more accessible, affordable, responsive and relevant to help prepare British Columbians for the jobs of tomorrow.

The action plan brings together several steps taken by the Province focused on five pillars:

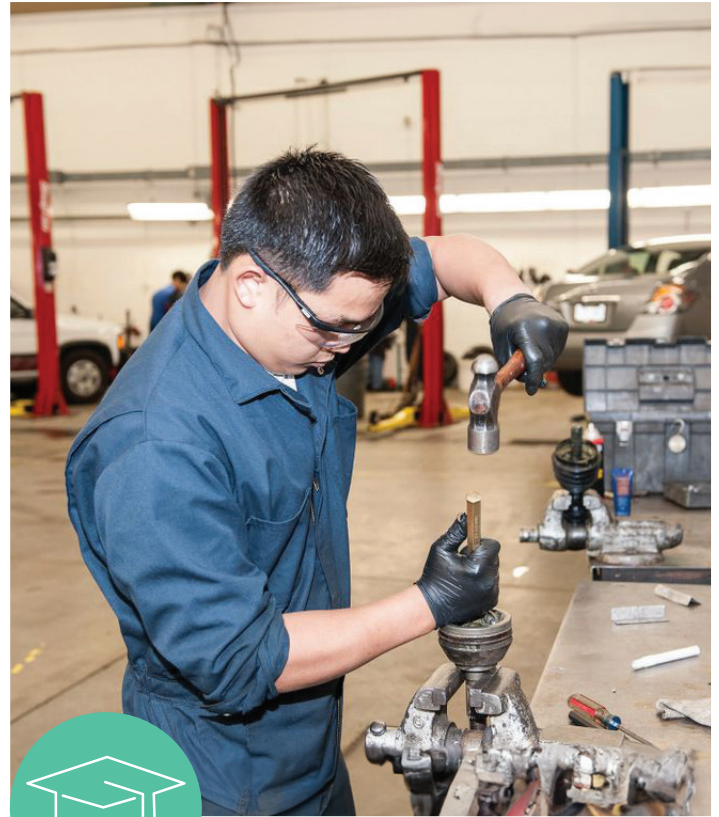
- » *making post-secondary education more affordable, accessible and relevant to British Columbians;*
- » *helping people reskill to find in-demand jobs so more employers facing current and future skills shortages can find the people they need;*
- » *breaking down barriers so everyone can find a job where they can thrive;*
- » *addressing Indigenous Peoples' workforce priorities; and*
- » *ensuring people new to B.C. find a career in the field in which they are trained.*

Every action in the StrongerBC: Future Ready Action Plan is designed to take on the challenges of today, build a better future for people and a stronger, inclusive, and sustainable economy.

Together, we are building a future where people can gain the skills they need to succeed, and employers are able to find the people they need to sustain and grow their enterprises and provide the goods and services that people in British Columbia rely on.



HONOURABLE SELINA ROBINSON
MINISTER OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND FUTURE SKILLS



People Seeking Post-Secondary Education

- » Increasing Student Financial Aid
- » 3,000 more tech-relevant spaces
- » Expanded rural and remote teacher spaces
- » Doubling veterinary spaces
- » More graduate scholarships and internships
- » Increasing K-12 career life connections and dual credit programs
- » Expanded learning opportunities at work
- » Thousands more on-campus spaces for students
- » Care economy workforce strategy



People looking to reskill for in-demand jobs

- » New future skills grant
- » Rapid Response Training and TradeUpBC
- » Transition training for forest sector workers
- » New skills for new building products – Mass Timber
- » Expanded manufacturing workforce development
- » Digital Skills Bootcamps
- » Tech Talent Accelerator
- » Workplace innovation fund



People facing barriers

- » Tuition waived for former youth in care for all ages
- » Expanded skills training for people with multiple barriers
- » More early childhood educator training spaces
- » Additional work opportunities for youth with developmental disabilities



Indigenous Peoples

- » Review of racism in post-secondary education
- » Support Native Education College
- » Train, recruit and retain more Indigenous teachers
- » Provide ongoing core and capacity funding for First Nations-mandated post-secondary institutes
- » Expand First Nations skills training and education programming
- » Expand support for First Nations language revitalization
- » Guardian and Stewardship Training Initiative
- » Expand Métis skills training and education programming
- » Support establishment of a Métis Post-Secondary and Training Institute
- » Métis language revitalization



People new to B.C.

- » Streamlined Fair Credential Recognition Program
- » Find Your Path Tool (one-stop shop for job seekers)
- » Improving the B.C. Provincial Nominee Program (PNP)