



Referral Crib Sheet – Reducing Poverty Initiative

Eligibility Criteria


To be eligible for the Reducing Poverty Initiative, an individual must meet **all** the criteria:

- Be between **18 and 65 years old**
 - Be **unable to work** due to physical or mental health reasons
 - Be **currently employed** with a job to return to
 - Have been **off work for less than one year**
 - **Live in one of the pilot communities** (and surrounding areas)
 - Prince George
 - Nanaimo
 - Kelowna,
 - Vancouver
 - Be legally allowed to work in British Columbia,
 - **Not** be receiving insured benefits such as:
 - WorkSafe BC
 - ICBC
 - Short- or Long-Term Disability coverage through your employer.
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Straight forward case:

A person **under 65 currently receiving Medical EI** living in a **pilot community** is eligible.

How to Apply:

1. **Online Application**
Submit through the website
 - [Home - Reducing Poverty Initiative](#)
 2. **Fillable PDF Form**
Download the application form and submit by mail, email, or fax
(using the contact information listed in the who to contact section below):
 - [Application-Form-RPI-Fillable.pdf](#)
 3. **By Phone**
 778-421-0821 ext. 214
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Complex case:


In some situations, an individual who does **not meet all standard eligibility criteria** may *still* qualify for the Reducing Poverty Initiative. Before making a referral in these cases, please contact the Reducing Poverty Initiative team to discuss eligibility.

- When their **primary employer is no longer a viable option**
- When they are **no longer workplace-attached**, have been out of work for around a year, but are **motivated to return to employment** and meet the rest of the eligibility criteria

*These cases require discussion and approval **before proceeding** with the application.*


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