



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do you have a website?

Yes, our website is www.hubspace.ca/byof

How can this program help me?

This program will provide you with the resources, support, and training needed to help you launch your own business with confidence and a supportive team behind you.

What kind of workers qualify for this program?

This program is for tradespeople and technicians in the forest industry affected by mill closures or curtailments.

Contractors, workers, and Bridging to Retirement participants are welcome to apply. To confirm whether you qualify, please contact us. Our office hours are Monday to Friday, from 9am to 5pm. Call us at 250-563-2663 or email info@hubspace.ca.

Do I need my Red Seal to be considered a “tradesperson”?

No. You need experience as a tradesperson; you do not need to be Red Seal certified to qualify as a tradesperson.

Is there a cost to participating in the Build Your Own Future (BYOF) program?

No. This is a free program for eligible participants, thanks to funding from the Provincial Government of British Columbia.

I already have a small company that I have been running on the side. Can I still join?

Yes! We are here to help you succeed; learn more about business basics, grow your competency as an entrepreneur and start the process of taking your business to the next level.

Do I need to have my business idea concretely decided before starting this program?

Nope! This program will help you explore opportunity, validate your market, and find the best fit for your skills and training - while providing you with the business knowledge needed to succeed as an entrepreneur.

What types of industries can participants have their businesses in?

This program is designed for tradespeople and technicians to launch a trades or technical service contracting business. If you have a question regarding the eligibility of your business idea, please reach out.

How long will this program last?

The program is currently funded until 2026; the duration each group/cohort is 8 months. Training has been carefully structured to minimize time commitment during daytime hours. After the 1-week of business training workshops, 3-hour workshops are held once per month in the evening. We endeavour to schedule your training around the demands of running your business.

Is this program open to the whole province?

Yes, tradespeople and technicians anywhere in any BC who have been affected by a mill closure or extended curtailment qualify for this program. Employees, contractors, and those taking advantage of the Bridging to Retirement Program are encouraged to apply.

What can I expect after I apply?

You can expect to hear back within 3-5 business days. Once you submit the BYOF [application form](#), it will be reviewed by one of our staff. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you wish to speak to someone. Our office hours are Monday to Friday, 9 to 5. Call 250-563-2663 or email us at info@hubspace.ca



Who is delivering the program?

The BYOF program is delivered by Hubspace, in partnership with program coaches, facilitators and mentors from across the province.

What are the roles of coaches and mentors?

Coaches and mentors provide ongoing support and suggestions, help participants to overcome adversity, and ensure the bigger picture is carefully considered throughout planning, launching, and growth.

When can I access the \$5,000 reimbursement?

The \$5000 will be provided at 2 stages. The first half (\$2,500) will be available at the end of the 5-day cohort training session, the second half will be available upon program completion. This is a reimbursement for business expenses. Receipts documenting expenses incurred are required.

How much of a time commitment is it?

8 hours a day for **5 days, 3 hours** per month for each capacity building workshop (for a total of seven workshops), ongoing coaching & mentorship (as needed). Participants are required to spend time between workshops working on their business.

When is the next cohort and where will it be?

We will be launching new cohorts throughout the province on an ongoing basis. To find out about current and upcoming cohorts, or to request a new cohort in your community, please contact us at info@hubspace.ca or phone us anytime Monday to Friday between 9 and 5 at 250-563-2663.

Where can I go to learn more?

Check out our website or reach out directly: If you have any questions or prefer to speak with a team member, our office hours are Monday to Friday, 9 to 5. Give us a call at 250-563-2663 or email us at info@hubspace.ca.

**Still have questions?
Prefer to speak with someone?**

Call us:

Monday – Friday between 9am and 4pm
at **250-263-5663**

or

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