

Service Canada - Ministry of Employment and Income
Assistance

Canada-British Columbia Labour Market Development Agreement (LMDA)



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Overview:

- The Canada-British Columbia Labour Market Development Agreement (LMDA) was signed on February 20th, 2008
- The LMDA transfers responsibility from Canada to BC for programs and services aimed at helping Employment Insurance (EI) clients and all unemployed British Columbians, including those who are not eligible for EI training programs

Main features of the Agreement:

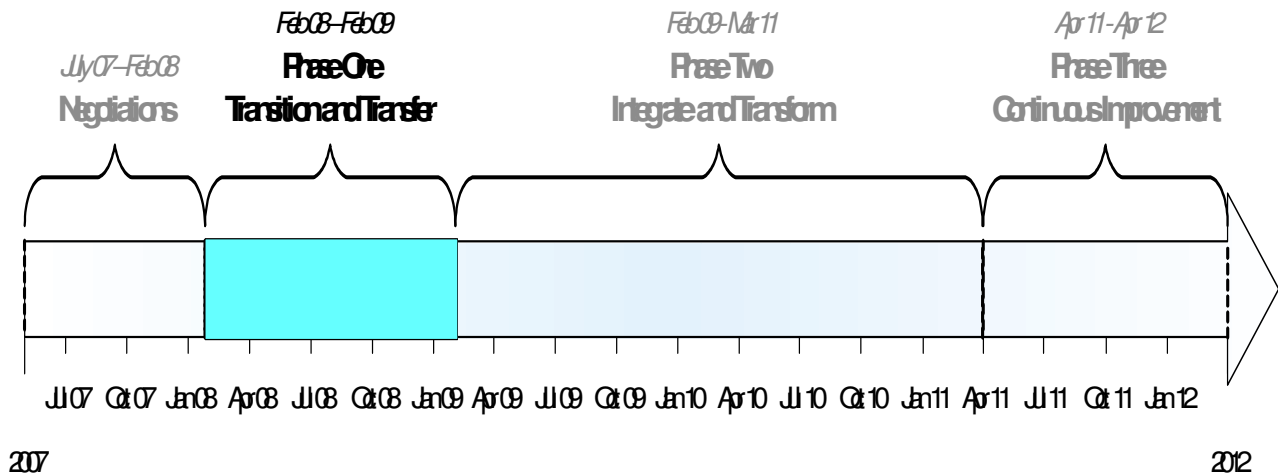
- Devolves design, management and accountability to BC
- Allows BC to design new employment programming based on the labour market needs
- Delegates authority to BC for certain functions of the National Employment Service
- Requires BC to offer services in either official language where there is significant demand

LMDA Service Delivery Principles

BC has agreed to be guided by the following principles on service to clients:

- a. citizen centered services which facilitate ease of access for a broad range of client groups
- b. respectful and individual service
- c. provide an array of integrated labour market services which are flexible, innovative and responsive to the changing labour market; and
- d. measurable results within a well-defined framework of accountability

Labour Market Transition Timelines



How will the LMDA affect Service Providers?

- Throughout the transition, the province is committed to ensuring a seamless transfer for clients, staff and service providers
- British Columbia will honour all contribution agreements that Canada has signed
- Opportunities will continue to be available for BC service providers from the non-profit, institutional and private sectors that want to deliver those services
- Opportunities will be awarded through an open and transparent process
- BC will be seeking the input of service providers throughout the design, transition and implementation phases of the transition

Resources for Service Providers

Additional Resources for Service Providers:

- The Labour Market Services Transition Office has established a Director of Stakeholder Relationships that is a resource and point of contact for service providers and other stakeholders:
 - Rachel Holmes (Director) and Gabrielle Nye (Associate Director) can be reached at (250) 953-3917
 - Or by email: rachel.holmes@gov.bc.ca
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- The LMDA website contains information on the transition as well as a specific section devoted to service providers and community groups
- The LMDA website will be updated as new information on the transition becomes available
- For more information, please visit our website:

<http://www.labourmarketservices.gov.bc.ca>

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