**M5 Lesson 3: Investigating the Part Time Job Market**

In this course, we have discussed a lot of topics surrounding jobs, careers and workplace safety. Maybe you already have a job, or maybe you are interested in getting one in the near future. Either way, this lesson will be useful to you as we consider the steps that you will need to begin applying for jobs and the tools online to assist in your job search.

There are lots of ways to find your first job, and searching online is just one way. Maybe your parents know of someone who is hiring for their business, or you have seen a "Help Wanted" sign in your community. Perhaps even better, maybe you have asked your favourite shop, restaurant or local business if they are hiring. Either way, if you're a high school student looking for a job, there are things you can do to help yourself get hired and get your application noticed.

Read the following article

Job Search Tips for High School Students:

https://www.thebalancecareers.com/job-search-tips-for-high-school-students-2060904

which offers a number of good tips for young people looking to start their employment journey!

Here are some more tasks that you should have complete before you start applying for jobs:

* Tell everyone they know they’re looking for a job - you never know who know someone who is hiring!
* See if family, friends or neighbours have any work that you can do to gain experience. Volunteer experience could be very helpful in finding a part time job!
* Make sure that you are legally allowed to work in Canada.
* Apply for a social insurance card. You will need it to start working!
* Create a winning application package - application form, cover letter and resume.
* Check if your school's career programs or counsellor's office knows of any job postings.
* Make sure you have some professional clothes to wear for a job interview
* Find some references that have witnessed your work ethic and would be willing to be your reference; perhaps a coach, family friend, teacher or neighbour. Family members are not references for employment, as they will always say something nice about you!
* Learn how to search for jobs online, which you will do in this assignment!

A lot of students think that they don't have enough experience or skills to get a part time job, but that isn't the case! Many employers, especially in areas like customer service, hospitality, general labour and retail, are likely to give students their first employment opportunity, with shift hours that fit with your current school and extracurricular commitments.

In the next assignment, you will use the Job Search tools in myBlueprint to research current jobs that are available in your community. Let's get started!

**Complete the Module 5 Lesson 3 Assignment**