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- you have a work permit for one job but want to apply for a work permit for a different job
- you have a temporary resident permit that is valid for six months or more
- you are in Canada because you have already applied for permanent residence from inside Canada. You will have to pass certain stages in the main application process before you can be eligible for a work permit.

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### Spectrum Job Search Centre

This place is a real help when you're looking for work. Not only do they have great resources for finding a job, they've got a fantastic Youth Internship Program. One of our staffers was in it, and he said it was super-helpful.

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