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Loans of up to \$15,000
 so you can focus on just
 one thing – getting your
 skills and qualifications
 recognized to work in
 your field (or alternate).



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 partnership between SEED
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LOANS FOR SKILLED IMMIGRANTS

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WHAT IS RECOGNITION COUNTS?

Recognition Counts is a program that provides supports to skilled immigrants wishing to work in their fields of expertise in Manitoba.

The program offers financial counselling, as well as the opportunity to apply for a loan of up to \$15,000, to help with the costs of having your qualifications recognized in Manitoba and obtaining employment in your field of expertise or in an alternative field.



What is the Eligibility Criteria?

You must:

- be a Permanent Resident of Canada or a Canadian citizen born outside of Canada
- be a Manitoba resident
- be referred by a referring partner agency/program (not applicable if you are already accepted into a bridging/gap training program)
- complete a Career Action Plan that demonstrates that you
 - have been trained outside of Canada in a regulated or non-regulated profession or trade
 - are seeking employment in your field (or a related alternative field) of training
 - are able to complete any necessary certification, upgrading or training in two years or less
- be living on a low income

Please note! If you are planning to use the loan to pay for the costs of registering with a professional regulatory body or enrolling in a professional program of study, you must also:

- obtain a credential assessment letter from the body that regulates your profession that indicates you are eligible to pursue professional licensing/certification and/or
- be accepted into the program for which you would like to use the loan

How do I apply?

To begin your application process you will need to meet with a Recognition Counts referral partner who will provide you with a Registration Code to access and complete an online Career Action Plan. To find the referral partner that is right for you, visit www.recognitioncounts.ca

How much money can I borrow?

Up to \$15,000.

What can I use the money for?

You can use the money for any of the costs associated with becoming employed in your field, for example:

- living expenses (*food, housing, transportation, childcare, etc.*)
- tuition, textbooks and computers
- costs associated with the process of registration with a professional regulatory body or Apprenticeship Manitoba (*exam fees, professional registration costs, etc.*)
- tools, equipment, work clothes, personal protective equipment needed for your work
- credential assessment

When do I have to pay the loan back?

You have up to 4 years to repay the loan

What is the interest rate?

The loan is offered at an affordable rate of interest, so you can feel confident knowing your rate will not change. For current rates, see www.recognitioncounts.ca

Are there any other fees associated with the loan?

There are no additional fees and you may pay off the loan, without penalty, at any time before the end of the 4-year term.

The Recognition Counts loan is personal, affordable and flexible. Find out how it can help you today!