

## **Government Funding for Manitoba Co-op Employers**

The co-op coordinator will assist employers complete forms for the following programs:

### **1. Manitoba Career Focus**

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/healthyliving/youth/employers/careerfocus.html>

Manitoba co-op employers are eligible for government funding under the Career Focus program. Career Focus is a program offered through the Manitoba Department of Education and Training, whereby employers receive a wage incentive to assist in the creation of career related positions for students.

- A subsidy of \$3.00 per hour is provided to employers.
- Jobs must be a minimum of 200 hours and the subsidy will be available for up to 360 hours.
- The program is available for up to 3 students per company per year.
- The program is ongoing and will be renewed annually.

Eligibility - Employers must be:

- registered Manitoba businesses, institutional organizations or community/non-profit groups;
- in full operation prior to program application;
- identified by an appropriate educational institution as providing a career-related employment experience.

NOTE: Federal and Provincial government departments, agencies and crown corporations are not eligible.

### **2. Co-operative Education and Apprenticeship Tax Credit (CEATC)**

[http://www.copse.mb.ca/tax\\_credit/index.html](http://www.copse.mb.ca/tax_credit/index.html)

The provincial government has implemented a new tax credit program to encourage employers to provide work placements for co-op education students. Co-op employers will be eligible to receive a 10 per cent tax credit of up to \$1,000 per student per work term each fiscal year.

- CEATC applies to co-operative education students only. CEATC does not apply to students in the regular program or other employees.
- There is no limit to the number of applications an employer can submit per fiscal year. (i.e. an employer can submit applications for numerous co-op student employees).
- Applications can be submitted for the same student for subsequent work terms, with the same company or with different companies.
- Each student is allowed a maximum of 5 applications (i.e. 5 work terms).
- Most of the student's work must be completed in the Province of Manitoba.
- Most Manitoba employers are eligible. This includes private companies, co-operatives, Crown Corporations, municipally-owned businesses, not-for-profit organizations, and even unincorporated employers.
- CEATC can be used in conjunction with Manitoba Career Focus.
- This is a tax credit, not a grant. All employers meeting the criteria and completing the CEATC form will be eligible for the tax credit.