



BC's Top 40 Employers

Tony Meehan, publisher of the Top 100 Employers, says about 1,800 companies applied to be on the lists this year. Most were from around 10,000 organizations, both public and private, that his firm, Mediacorp Canada Inc., invited to participate. Others came forward on their own.

The employers were asked to provide information in eight key areas — phys-

ical quality of workplace, work atmosphere as a social setting, pay and benefits, vacation and provisions for time off, communication to employees, performance management, training and skills development, and community involvement.

Meehan says employers are graded in each category and then compared to others in their industry to see if they

make the national or regional lists.

Grades or scores are not published in the final lists, and the top employers are not ranked in any particular order.

Meehan says that, for the most part, the same criteria are used to assess firms for the regional lists as the national Top 100, although, predictably, the cutoff point is much higher for the national list.

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EMPLOYER	DESCRIPTION	CITY	EMPLOYEES IN	
			CANADA	WEBSITE
Abebooks Inc.	Abebooks Inc. is an Internet service that helps independent booksellers market rare and used books.	Victoria	94	http://www.abebooks.com
Action Pants Inc.	Action Pants Inc. is an independent third-party game developer, specializing in video games for the Xbox 360 and PS3 game systems.	Vancouver	80	http://www.actionpantsinc.com
Blast Radius Inc.	Blast Radius Inc. is an online marketing firm, providing services in customer relationship management, strategic and digital marketing, and content strategy and development for clients such as Aeroplan, AOL, Nike and Nintendo.	Vancouver	270	http://www.blastradius.com
British Columbia Lottery Corporation	British Columbia Lottery Corporation (BCLC) is responsible for the conduct and management of lotteries and casino gaming in British Columbia.	Kamloops	614	http://www.bclc.com
British Columbia Public Service	The British Columbia Public Service is the province's largest employer with over 25,000 employees working in over 280 communities across British Columbia.	Victoria	23,373	http://www.employment.gov.bc.ca
British Columbia Safety Authority / BCSEA	BCSEA is a non-profit corporation that administers service delivery components of the Safety Standards Act of British Columbia pertaining to aerial tramways, amusement devices, boilers / boiler systems, electrical equipment and other related equipment.	New Westminster	213	http://www.safetyauthority.ca
Certified General Accountants Association of Canada / CGA-Canada	CGA-Canada represents over 60,500 certified general accountants and CGA students in Canada, Bermuda, the Caribbean and Pacific Rim.	Vancouver	131	http://www.cga-canada.org
Coast Mountain Bus Company Ltd.	Coast Mountain Bus Company Ltd. provides surface bus and harbour ferry public transit services (SeaBus) in the Greater Vancouver Area.	Surrey	4,537	http://www.coastmountainbus.com
Davis LLP	Established in 1892, Davis LLP is one of Canada's leading law firms, with over 140 lawyers and offices in Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal, Whitehorse, Yellowknife, as well as the first Canadian law office in Tokyo.	Vancouver	496	http://www.davis.ca
Dayton & Knight Ltd.	Founded in 1965, Dayton & Knight Ltd. is a multi-disciplinary Canadian consulting firm that provides engineering and environmental consulting services specializing in government agencies and First Nations organizations.	North Vancouver	81	http://www.dayton-knight.com
Ecotrust Canada	Ecotrust Canada offers business services, marketing assistance, credit and environmental expertise to small businesses with an ecological orientation.	Vancouver	16	http://www.ecotrustcan.org
Golder Associates Ltd.	Golder Associates Ltd. is a consulting engineering firm, providing civil engineering and environmental services around the world.	Burnaby	2,028	http://www.golder.com
Great Little Box Company Ltd., The	The Great Little Box Company Ltd. is a leading manufacturer of custom and stock corrugated boxes and point-of-purchase displays.	Vancouver	170	http://www.greatlittlebox.com
GrowthWorks Capital Limited	Growth Works Capital Limited is a venture capital and fund management company.	Vancouver	86	http://www.growthworks.ca
HSBC Bank Canada	HSBC Bank Canada provides banking and financial services across the country.	Vancouver	6,200	http://www.hsbc.ca
Harbour Air Ltd.	Established in 1891, Harbour Air Ltd. is the largest all-seaplane airline in Canada, operating out of Vancouver, Victoria, Prince Rupert and Nanaimo.	Richmond	199	http://www.harbourair.com
Kodak Graphic Communications Canada Company	Kodak Graphic Communications Canada Company, formerly Creo Inc., is the world's leading manufacturer of direct-to-plate pre-press equipment and technology.	Burnaby	1,291	http://www.graphics.kodak.com
Kwantlen University College	Located in southwestern British Columbia, Kwantlen University College serves over 25,000 students in Richmond, Langley, Surrey and Newton.	Surrey	857	http://www.kwantlen.ca
MacDonald, Dettwiler and Associates Ltd. / MDA	MacDonald, Dettwiler and Associates Ltd. (MDA) develops advanced information systems for aerospace and land registration applications.	Richmond	1,686	http://www.mdacorporation.com
Next Level Games Inc.	Next Level Games Inc. is a full-service videogame developer based in Vancouver.	Vancouver	105	http://www.nextlevelgames.com
Nintendo of Canada Ltd.	Nintendo of Canada Ltd. is responsible for the marketing, sales and distribution of popular Nintendo video games across Canada.	Richmond	44	http://www.nintendo.ca
ParkLane Homes Ltd.	ParkLane Homes Ltd. is a leading residential developer and community planner based in western Canada.	Vancouver	72	http://www.parklane.com
Progressive Solutions Inc.	Progressive Solutions Inc. develops specialized software for the forest products industry.	Vernon	78	http://www.progressive-solutions.com
Radical Entertainment Inc.	Radical Entertainment, a division of Vivendi Universal Games, Inc., is one of North America's leading developers of interactive video games.	Vancouver	219	http://www.radical.ca
Rescan Environmental Services Ltd.	Rescan Environmental Services Ltd. is a Canadian consulting firm, offering a range of environmental and engineering services to clients worldwide.	Vancouver	87	http://www.rescan.com
Royal British Columbia Museum Corporation	The Royal British Columbia Museum Corporation is dedicated to preserving British Columbia's cultural and natural heritage.	Victoria	113	http://www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca
Schneider Electric PMC Victoria	Schneider Electric PMC Victoria, a division of Schneider Electric Canada, manufactures power monitoring and control products such as intelligent energy meters and web-based software applications for large energy consumers and producers, including Hydro Quebec and Ontario Power & Generation.	Saanichton	332	http://www.schneider-electric.ca
Sierra Systems Group Inc.	Sierra Systems Group Inc. provides information technology consulting services for customers in a wide range of industries.	Vancouver	729	http://www.sierrasystems.com
Simon Fraser University	Simon Fraser University is a mid-sized Canadian university, offering over 100 programs to 17,000 students.	Burnaby	4,503	http://www.sfu.ca
Sophos Inc.	Sophos Inc. develops advanced spam and virus detection software for commercial and institutional customers.	Vancouver	187	http://www.sophos.com
Surrey, City of	The City of Surrey provides local government services to a population of 400,000.	Surrey	1,594	http://www.surrey.ca
Telus Corporation	Telus Corporation is Canada's second-largest provider of data, Internet, voice and wireless communication services.	Vancouver	24,967	http://www.telus.com
University of British Columbia, Human Resources / UBC	Founded in 1908, UBC is one of Canada's largest universities, with over 35,000 students and 1,800 faculty members.	Vancouver	9,414	http://www.ubc.ca
Urban Systems Ltd.	Urban Systems Ltd. is a multidisciplinary firm of engineers, planners and landscape architects serving clients throughout British Columbia and Alberta.	Kamloops	271	http://www.urban-systems.com
Vancouver City Savings-Credit Union / VanCity	Vancouver City Savings Credit Union / VanCity is Canada's largest credit union, managing over \$10 billion in assets.	Vancouver	1,469	http://www.vancity.com
Vancouver International Airport Authority	Vancouver International Airport Authority is an independent, non-governmental, non-profit corporation that operates the Vancouver International Airport.	Richmond	368	http://www.yvr.ca
Webtech Wireless Inc.	Founded in 1999, Webtech Wireless Inc. develops, manufactures and provides wireless products and services, such as GPS and terrestrial wireless communication technology, and Internet-based tracking and reporting software.	Burnaby	105	http://www.webtechwireless.com
West Vancouver School District	West Vancouver School District manages the public education system in the communities of West Vancouver.	West Vancouver	461	http://www.sd45.bc.ca
Whistler, Resort Municipality of	The Resort Municipality of Whistler provides municipal government services to nearly 10,000 residents.	Whistler	260	http://www.whistler.ca
Workers' Compensation Board of BC, The / WorkSafeBC	The Workers' Compensation Board of BC (WorkSafeBC) is a provincial statutory agency committed to the prevention of workplace injury and occupational disease.	Vancouver	2,871	http://www.worksafebc.com/