

Very positive hiring climate in Aerospace, Defence, Marine, and Security sector on PEI

by Gloria Welton

“Most well-established companies on PEI are currently hiring,” says **Allan Campbell**, Provincial Director, **Atlantic Canada Aerospace and Defence Association (ACADA)**. “The jobs are full-time, year round, pay well, and there are great benefit packages.”

ACADA has about 150 members, and 16 of those companies are on PEI. “Companies are hiring for a range of jobs such as machinists, welders, CNC programmers, and operators. The industry is also looking for computer programmers and coders, electrical and mechanical engineers, and sales people.

“StandardAero at Slemmon Park is growing and hiring. Aspin Kemp and Associates and MDS Coating Technologies Corp. post jobs regularly. There is growth in the industry and it continues to do well.”

Allan says a recent start-up called Redrock Power Systems in Charlottetown is showing tremendous potential.

Promoting the long-lasting careers in this sector

Allan does presentations to secondary and post-secondary students and employment groups across the Island to raise awareness of the sector.

“I start off by telling my own employment story,” says Allan. “I have dealt with a lot of changes in my career, which is the case for most people.

“If you work in the aerospace and defence sector, chances are you will remain in the industry and even with the same company long term. The sector offers stable employment, career advancement, and continuous in-house training.

“I know one young man in his early 20s who is now paying into a pension fund and has a full benefit package and no student loan, and he just purchased a home. He started with a high school co-op placement in an aerospace company. He worked with the company during the summer and then entered the Holland College Gas Turbine Engine Repair & Overhaul Technology program.

“This is an industry that allows post-secondary graduates to finish their education with low to no debt and well-paying jobs.”

Encouraging youth and females to consider a career in this sector

“We encourage youth to explore and find their passion. We are also trying to increase the participation of females in the industry. Actually females have an advantage in working in this industry because it requires a lot of fine motor ability working with small parts and in small spaces.”

Allan says one of the key attributes needed to succeed in this industry is having a fascination and ability to take things apart and put them back together.

“A fundamental understanding of math and physics and proficient communication skills are also important. While post-secondary education is important to the industry, additional training is always going on.

“Companies have let me know they will accommodate people who are interested in touring and getting a first-hand look at their facilities.

“Many of our companies use leading edge technology, and they are renowned globally for their quality work.”



For more information about opportunities in the Aerospace, Defence, Marine and Security sector, contact **Allan Campbell** at 902-314-3946 or email allan@ac-ada.ca
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SkillsPEI Job Fairs 2019

by Heidi Riley

For the fifth consecutive year, SkillsPEI is sponsoring a series of job fairs across PEI to help job seekers and employers connect.

In 2018, the combined job fairs saw over 2,300 job seekers who were able to meet with over a hundred different employers, employment related service providers, and educational institutions.

“These job fairs have proven invaluable to both employers and job seekers across PEI”, says **Sonny Gallant**, Minister for the Department of Workforce & Advanced Learning. “They have grown each year and we expect 2019 to be the largest group of employers and job seekers to come together since we first started the job fairs in 2015.”

In anticipation of growth of employer demand for booth space, SkillsPEI has expanded the space at all four job fair locations for 2019.

- The Summerside Job Fair will be located at the Waterfront Campus of Holland College which will allow for a 50 percent increase in available booths.
- The Montague Job Fair will be held at the Cavendish Wellness Center Arena. By expanding to the arena, the Montague Job Fair will be able to host a much larger contingent of employers and job seekers.
- The O’Leary Job Fair will be held at the Mill River Resort which has increased available space.
- The Charlottetown Job Fair will return to the Eastlink Centre where it is anticipated to use a larger portion of the Trade Centre floor.

Other activities to expect

- This will be the third year for the job fairs to host “Try-A-Trades” which is an opportunity for attendees to learn more about the trades through hands-on experience. The presence of “Try-A-Trades” has been expanded at all job fair locations.
- This year Heather Moyle is guest speaker at the Charlottetown and Summerside job fairs.

Employers participating in the job fairs will enable their company to:

- Connect with job seekers, including students at both high school and post-secondary levels
- Benefit from extensive advertising and promotion for each location
- Be featured on social media and/or other media outlets (if desired)
- Showcase their business and/or products
- Benefit from networking opportunities with other local employers
- Receive follow-up from SkillsPEI staff for possible funding support to hire and train new employees
- Registration is **FREE**

Employers, if you have jobs to be filled... **REGISTER NOW** online at www.skillspei.com or www.workpei.ca websites or call the nearest SkillsPEI office:

Charlottetown	902-368-6290	O’Leary	902-859-8898
Summerside	902-438-4151	Montague	902-838-0674



SKILLSPEI 2019 JOB FAIRS

CHARLOTTETOWN
Featuring Heather Moyle
Tuesday, April 2 (Storm date April 3)
Eastlink Center

SUMMERSIDE
Featuring Heather Moyle
Thursday, April 4 (Storm date April 5)
Holland College Waterfront Campus

MONTAGUE
Tuesday, April 9 (Storm date April 10)
Cavendish Farms Wellness Centre

O’LEARY
Thursday, April 11 (Storm date April 12)
Mill River Resort

All Job Fairs take place 12:30 pm - 5:00 pm

**LOOKING FOR A JOB?
LOOKING FOR EMPLOYEES?**

Full time, part time and seasonal jobs are available across PEI.
Come prepared to talk to employers!
If you are an employer ready to hire, register by March 15th to reserve your booth.

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