Laid-Off Manufacturing Workers Benefit From Second Career Changes

A recent announcement by Employment Ontario means workers laid off from the manufacturing sector will be able to access the Second Career program without delay.

Second Career provides up to $28,000 to laid off workers to access skills training.

Changes introduced in March Provide targeted support to impacted individuals in the manufacturing sector beginning April 1st.

The process of applying for Second Career involves candidates scoring a total of 16+ qualifying points made up of a number of suitability factors including length of time out of work. The maximum number of points (3) can be achieved only if the laid-off worker has been out of work and job searching for 26 weeks or more.

With the changes, service providers will automatically award maximum points in these two areas plus work history suitability.

Additionally, workers were ineligible for Second Career if they have completed training within the past two years. This restriction has also been removed.

Laid off manufacturing workers who have completed training within the past two years, regardless of the source of funding, will be considered eligible under this initiative.