Resources for hiring of persons with disabilities within the Public Service

The Public Service Commission (PSC) is helping departments by:

- developing guidance for organizations to ensure assessment methods are free of biases and barriers:
 - o <u>Federal Public Service Inclusive Appointment Lens</u>
 - o Employment Equity Leveraging Staffing Options for Hiring Managers
- conducting <u>audits</u> and research to identify barriers faced by equity-seeking groups
- requiring <u>training on unconscious bias</u> in recruitment for hiring managers (<u>H205 Inclusive</u> Hiring Practices for a Diverse Workforce)
- supporting organizations who are examining their practices on building an inclusive workforce by working with OCHRO to develop guidance on Employment Systems Reviews
- raising awareness and promoting best practices, including the use of diverse selection boards

Additional supports provided by the PSC to departments

Recruitment programs

- Federal Internship Program for Canadians with Disabilities
- Employment Opportunity for Students with Disabilities
- Targeted inventories for persons with disabilities (HRC and PSC joint initiative for EC, IT, FI and BI positions)
- Post secondary recruitment (encouraging self declaration for consideration in focused EE staffing processes)
- The Virtual Door to Talent with Disabilities (graduates with disabilities)

Support services

- Assessment Accommodation Services and training
- Outreach and partnership services
- Integrated staffing and assessment solutions (i.e., focused inventories)

Guidance, awareness and tools

• Staffing options to support employment equity, and diversity and inclusion, under the Public Service Employment Act

- Federal Public Service Inclusive Appointment Lens
- Hiring PwD Managers' Toolkit
- Guide for Assessing Persons with Disabilities
- <u>Assessment Accessibility Ambassadors (AAA) Network</u> (trained ambassadors representing 24 departments and agencies)

Outreach & communications

- Job fairs and events
- Self-declaration promotional <u>campaign</u> and messaging
- Partnerships with associations

How can departments increase PwD hiring?

| Recruitment initiative or program | Group(s) and level(s) | Type of assessment | Availability |
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| The Federal Internship Program for Canadians with Disabilities | Various | Ready to be assessed | Spring 2022 (25), Fall (25). By participating organizations only. 75 interns from cohorts 1 and 2 will become available as internships close (or come to an end) |
| Post secondary recruitment in Business, Program Management and Governance Programs | EC, FI, PM, AS, MA, CO, FS, PE, ED, IS,LS, PS, LP | Partially assessed | Spring 2022 |
| Post secondary recruitment inventories | Various | Partially or ready to be assessed | Available now |
| Careers in digital and computer | CS-01, CS-02, CS-03, CS-04 | Partially assessed | Available now |

| sciences for persons with disabilities (continuous intake) | | | |
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| Careers in policy and data analysis for persons with disabilities | EC-01, EC-02, EC-03, EC-04, EC-05 | Partially assessed | Available now |
| Priority Talent Pool (continuous intake) | Various | Experienced and ready to be assessed | Available now |
| The <u>Virtual Door to</u> <u>Talent with</u> <u>Disabilities</u> | AS-01 and others | Partially assessed | Available now |
| Employment Opportunity for Students with Disabilities | Students | Ready to be hired | Available now |

For more information, advice, and guidance, reach out to the PSC's <u>Diversity and Inclusion Centre of Expertise</u>.