

Part 4 – Researching Occupations

This section answers the following questions:

- What is the current job market situation?
- What are the job prospects, by occupation and sector, for the next several years?
- What is the average wage and employment rate for a given occupation?
- What skills should be highlighted in a résumé or interview?

1. National Occupational Classification (NOC) Code

http://noc.esdc.gc.ca/English/NOC/QuickSearch.aspx?ver=16&val65=*

The authoritative resource on occupational information in Canada. Each occupational code can be used in searching for an occupation on other career exploration websites such as Career Cruising, Emploi Québec LMI, and Working in Canada.

2. Career Cruising

<http://www.careercruising.com/>

Username: mcgill. Password: careers.

Interactive career exploration site. In-depth occupational profiles, including interviews with professionals.

3. Emploi Québec: Online Labour Market Information (LMI)

http://imt.emploiquebec.gouv.qc.ca/mtg/inter/noncache/contenu/asp/mtg941_accueil_fran_01.asp?Lang=ANGL

Comprehensive site that includes occupational descriptions, programs of study and industry descriptions. The link “Explore a trade or occupation” provides information of a given occupation, including job prospects, wages, etc.

4. Job Bank Canada – Explore Careers by Occupation

http://www.jobbank.gc.ca/occupation_search-eng.do

Canada-specific occupational information. Information includes salary, prospects and unemployment rates. Users can enter a NOC code or an occupational title to retrieve information.

5. Occupational Outlook Handbook (USA)

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

US-specific occupational information such as salary, job outlooks, working conditions and more.

6. O*NET OnLine – Skills Search (USA)

<http://www.onetonline.org/skills/>

A tool designed to help users to identify occupations by selecting a set of skills from 6 broad groups of skills.

7. My Next Move (USA)

<https://www.mynextmove.org/>

List 900+ career options searchable by industry, keyword or by interest.

8. McGill CaPS – Salary and Labour Information

<http://www.mcgill.ca/caps/students/prepare/salary>

Links to salary reports and salary search websites.