

Job Search Tips for the Coronavirus Era:

1. **Stay positive, keep applying but refine your job search!** And browse through the job offers!

It's true, you may get less positive responses in this time of crisis but at least, confinement offers (in many cases) the time to take the necessary steps for job search process!

Here are a few links that may be useful in your job search:

www.cdetno.com

www.jobbank.gc.ca

<http://careers.hr.gov.nt.ca/>

<https://www.nnsi.com/northern-jobs/>

<http://www.edgenorth.ca/jobsnorth/>

<https://ca.indeed.com/jobs?q=&l=yellowknife%2c+nt>

2. Find out more about the labour market trends during pandemic

It is important to understand the trends in the labour market to make good choices. Here are some relevant sources that may help you to better direct your search: Labour Market Information Council, Statistics Canada, your provincial or territorial statistical agency, Job Bank.

- If you know some companies that are in good financial health and have a leading position in your field, send them an unsolicited application.

3. **Explore different career options** and find you are truly interested in, rather than continuing to apply for positions in the hopes of landing anything.

4. Expand your network of professional connections

If we look at the labour market in recent weeks, we can notice that some recruitments are being maintained. Find out which sectors are hiring and learn more on essential services and functions.

Making connections and communicating with the people who already have work experience in your field can also help you out tremendously. So, in this time of crisis expand your LinkedIn network by making relationship requests to strategic people in the companies you are interested in, participate in discussion groups, share relevant information or articles, etc.

5. Boost your skills

There are plenty of free online webinars, tutorials and courses which will permit you to improve your skills and make your resume stand out.

6. Update your resume and cover letters and prepare for the interview

Your resume is a great place to show off your skills, qualifications and experience. It is important to keep your resume and cover letter updated.

When it comes to interviews, here are some of the questions that are being asked in relation to the pandemic:

- What did you learn about yourself during the pandemic?
- Can you work efficiently from home?
- Are you ready to work in an office when the pandemic is over?
- How have you spent your time during pandemic?

7. Make sure your internet connection and video conferencing program are both working well prior to your interview.

8. Think on labour mobility

Labour mobility is the freedom to move to another location for a better job. It allows you to:

- Put your skills where they are needed;
- Find more job offers;
- Find higher wages by region of the country

9. Think of starting your own business

In general, in times of crisis, there is a burst of entrepreneurship. This was the case in the 1980s. There was also a strong success of the micro-entrepreneur status in 2009.