

PRINCE RUPERT, BRITISH COLUMBIA



Location: Northwest B.C., on the Pacific Coast

Key industries: Services, manufacturing, transportation and warehousing

High demand occupations: Heavy equipment operators, longshore, truck drivers

Education: Pre-school through to post-secondary

Population: 12,508 (2011 Census)

If you are starting work in Canada, it's easier in a small community where everybody is friendly and willing to help out. It's easier to build a network. Prince Rupert has several promising projects which will help with economic development. There's no traffic, no smog and it's a very nice, pristine place. Bring your rain gear and enjoy nature!

Maru S. originally from Mexico



ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Prince Rupert is a major port city with important economic connections with Asia. With billions of dollars committed for regional investment in sustainable energy, liquefied natural gas and port expansion, its economy will continue to grow. Workers are in demand and average wages are high. (In 2011, the full-time, average weekly wage rate was \$976.69.) Prince Rupert offers newcomers a future of financial stability and success.

DOING BUSINESS IN PRINCE RUPERT

Prince Rupert provides a strong base for investment and development of your business. Experts are available for you to consult, so you can work smarter to accomplish your goals sooner.

- Invest in Northwest B.C.
- Prince Rupert and Port Edward Economic Development Corporation (PREDC)
- Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce
- Trade and Invest B.C.



HIGH DEMAND OCCUPATIONS

Prince Rupert is growing; boom times are coming to the city. Some of the occupations in demand throughout the Northwest region include:

- **Construction** – Heavy duty equipment operators, heavy duty mechanics, labourers, iron workers, welders, steamfitters and pipefitters, electricians, crane operators, drillers and blasters, cooks, truck drivers
- **Wood sector** – Machine operators, labourers, sawfilers
- **Professions** – Accountants, mineral technologists and technicians, land survey technicians and technologists
- Longshore workers

The [Occupational Guides for Immigrants to B.C.](#) provide information on these occupations.



MAJOR REGIONAL EMPLOYERS

Large companies and strong public administration and public services highlight the major employers in Prince Rupert. Some of these include:

Agriculture and resource-based industries

- Canadian Fishing Company
- JS McMillan
- Prince Rupert Grain, Ltd.

Education services

- School District #52
- Northwest Community College

Health and social services

- Northern Health Authority

Public administration and service

- City of Prince Rupert

Transportation/distribution

- Ridley Terminals, Inc.
- Maher Terminals Holding Corporation
- Quickload

JOB SEARCH

Quickly and easily get started in job search online and in person. Find the career you want in Prince Rupert and identify the skills you need.

- Hecate Strait Employment Development Society
- Job Match (B.C. Construction Association)
- Job Bank

15 per cent of people living in Prince Rupert have a first language other than English.

JOB RELATED TRAINING

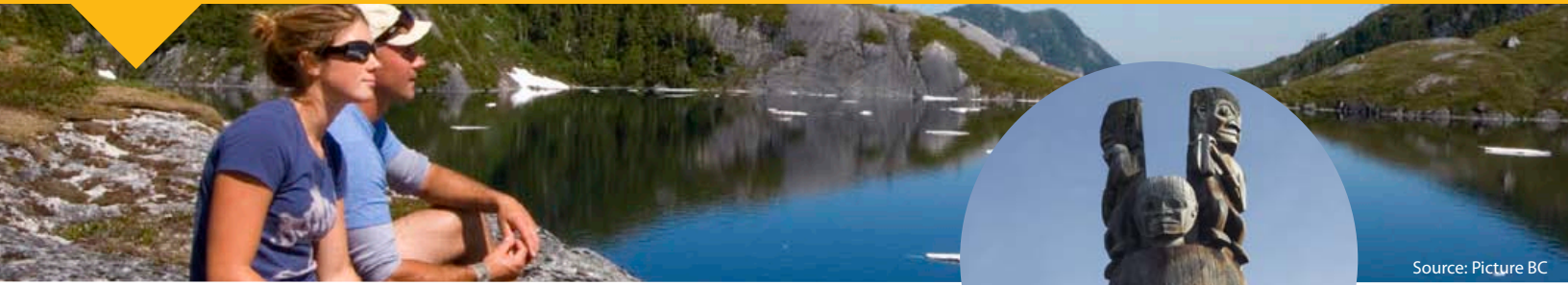
Once you know where you want your career to go, Prince Rupert can help you get there. Take advantage of its affordable training options to move ahead.

- Northwest Training Ltd.
- Northwest Community College
- Hecate Strait Employment Development Society

English as a Second Language

Northwest Community College offers free ESL language courses at a variety of levels.





Source: Picture BC

LIVING IN PRINCE RUPERT

Prince Rupert boasts all the benefits of a municipal centre while retaining its small town charm. You'll find a rich cosmopolitan culture and soon realize that the community welcomes a diverse group of people with varied interests. Prince Rupert is the perfect place to establish a balanced lifestyle of work and family.

IMMIGRANT RELATED SERVICES

These organizations are an important link in the immigration process. They will help transfer your qualifications from home and connect you with jobs and training programs.

- [Hecate Strait Employment Development Society](#)
- [Northwest Community College](#)

Prince Rupert lies at the heart of the traditional territory of the Tsimshian First Nation.

HOUSING

Prince Rupert offers quality housing in beautiful Northern B.C. at an affordable cost. In 2013 the average home was assessed at \$177,048, about 75 per cent less than the price in Vancouver. If you decide to rent, a three-bedroom unit could be found for \$750 per month, far less than in Vancouver.

Use the B.C. Government's [Cost of Living Calculator](#) to find out more about costs in Prince Rupert.

CHILDCARE AND EDUCATION

Many of the important decisions you make involve your children. Prince Rupert has a range of child care services from home providers to organized centres. Visit the B.C. Government's [Childcare Information](#) site to find the right choice for your family.

Prince Rupert also provides high-quality education options. With four elementary schools, two high schools and alternative schools, Prince Rupert meets your children's education needs. The [StrongStart Centre](#) provides a free early learning program for young children and their parents.

The [Prince Rupert Library](#) encourages reading and education and has free Internet access.

TRANSPORTATION

As a gateway to the Pacific Ocean, Prince Rupert is well-connected to the rest of British Columbia. Travel is easy with a [regional airport](#) that has multiple flights per day to Vancouver and other communities. Passenger rail service is available or you can travel by vehicle on the Yellowhead Highway.

HEALTH CARE

Prince Rupert has a quality health-care system, anchored by the Prince Rupert Regional Hospital. The city also has medical clinics and specialists such as dentists, orthodontists, optometrists, chiropractors, naturopaths and others.



FAITH AND WORSHIP/CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

A home to diverse cultures, Prince Rupert includes a mix of Christian denominated churches and a Sikh temple. Cultural organizations for people from many backgrounds are also active in the community.

MEDIA

With three local papers covering regional news and community events, you'll be able to keep up with local happenings.

- [The Northern View](#)
- [Rupert Daily](#)
- [Northern Connector](#)



LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Prince Rupert is an ideal place to relax. You can play with the children in a park by the sea or just enjoy the peace and quiet. Organized sports, volunteer associations, modern recreation facilities and community groups all contribute to a comfortable and fulfilling lifestyle.

Prince Rupert has a variety of festivals for all tastes. In spring and summer, take your family and friends to the Seafest festival, the All Native Basketball Tournament, a dance competition or an art show. In the winter months, enjoy the annual Christmas Carol Sail Past, Winterfest and the Festival of Lights.

Prince Rupert has an oceanic climate and is located in a temperate rain forest.

ENJOYING THE OUTDOORS

The outdoors will be an important and beautiful part of your Northern B.C. home. In Prince Rupert, eagles, bears and seals outnumber people, and whales swim alongside fishing boats and ferries. You and your family can try out ocean fishing, walk trails in the rainforest, view wildlife, or get active with golfing or kayaking along the rivers. And in the winter, skiing or snowboarding is available nearby at [Shames Mountain](#).

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you are interested in permanently enjoying life on the coast, Prince Rupert couldn't be a better choice. It's clean, safe and beautiful, with friendly people and a growing economy.

- [Prince Rupert website](#)
- [Tourism Prince Rupert](#)
- [LoonLounge](#): Canada's immigration and settlement online community