

Looking for a New Job?

Express Employment Professionals Releases Top Ten Franchises with “Open Job Opportunities”

TORONTO, March 21, 2018 — Looking for new employment opportunities? Express Employment Professionals released its top ten list of Canadian franchises with job openings, and franchises in southwestern Ontario dominate.

Cambridge, Windsor and Georgetown, Ontario, account for the top three franchises in Canada. Franchises in Cloverdale-Langley and Delta/Richmond, British Columbia, round out the top five.

The “Open Jobs Opportunities” list was compiled in a survey of the 34 Express franchises in Canada on March 3, 2018.

Express Employment Professionals Open Job Opportunities

EXPRESS OFFICE	LOCATION	OPEN POSITIONS
CAMBRIDGE	ONTARIO	38
WINDSOR	ONTARIO	38
GEORGETOWN	ONTARIO	33
CLOVERDALE-LANGLEY	BRITISH COLUMBIA	27
DELTA/RICHMOND	BRITISH COLUMBIA	27
LONDON	ONTARIO	24
GUELPH	ONTARIO	22
HALIFAX	NOVA SCOTIA	21
KITCHENER	ONTARIO	20
EDMONTON, SE	ALBERTA	19
TORONTO, N	ONTARIO	18

Cambridge, Ontario Express owner, Bradley Jenkins, said Ontario’s new labour law, Bill 148, has meant changes in his local labour market.

“Minimum wage has risen to \$14 an hour, and has effectively made the workforce more transient than ever. Even limited and low skilled workers are moving freely between a variety of opportunities. This has made us busier than ever,” Jenkins said. “Workers who might prefer to pour coffee rather than do heavy lifting in a warehouse, can expect the same wage, which obviously makes for workforce changes.”

A big part of our focus has been educating our clients about other motivating factors, besides wages. We’re a growing market in Cambridge, given our proximity to the 401 Highway, and I like to think this level of service is what we do very well.”

Stephen Prestipino who owns an Ontario franchise in nearby Georgetown agrees that Ontario’s changing labour regulations are having a significant impact.

“The change in Ontario’s minimum wage has created a new level playing field. It’s the first time a warehouse has had to compete with a grocery store for the same person. It’s causing some workers to consider a different environment—a factory versus a retail environment, for example, which is something we didn’t see in the past,” said Prestipino, who also says minimum wage jobs can be the hardest to fill.

At our Georgetown office, we are seeing a lot of growth in our market, so we are focused on skilled positions such as fork lift operators and executive administrative positions.”

Express franchisees in British Columbia, Alberta and Nova Scotia also made the top 10 list.

Terry Stewart, owner of the Express office in Cloverdale-Langley, British Columbia, says the province’s real estate sector has an impact on where businesses are locating.

“The area is booming with development. Companies located in Vancouver, Burnaby and Richmond have been leaving due to the very high land costs and property taxes and relocating in the Cloverdale/Langley area,” she said. “One of our local business parks has seen significant construction—with over 2.4 million square feet of office, commercial and industrial space built since 2004. It continues to grow at a rapid pace and the employment market is hot.”

The openings at Express offices in Canada reflect the hot job market across the country, according to Bob Funk, CEO of Express Employment Professionals.

“It’s a good time to be looking for new job opportunities in Canada,” he said.

If you would like to arrange for an interview to discuss this topic, please contact Kellie Major at (613) 222-7488 or email kellie@mapleleafstrategies.com.

About Robert A. Funk

Robert A. “Bob” Funk is chairman and chief executive officer of Express Employment Professionals. Headquartered in Oklahoma City, the international staffing company has more than 800 franchises in the U.S., Canada and South Africa. Under his leadership, Express has put more than 6 million people to work worldwide. Funk served as Chairman of the Conference of Chairmen of the Federal Reserve and was also the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

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