

Building Essential Skills

Employers in Greater Victoria can address the need to engage and retain employees by participating in a project designed to improve Essential Skills in the workplace. The [SkillsPlus project](#), a partnership between the [Quality of Life CHALLENGE](#) and Victoria READ, helps small businesses in the retail, wholesale, grocery and tourism and hospitality sectors by providing training in skills such as computer use, reading and numeracy, built into work-based training.

Employers who have invested in Essential Skills training have seen accuracy, productivity, and safety improve as employees' self-confidence, loyalty and flexibility increase. The project also gives up to 40 eligible employees the opportunity to boost their skills.