



THE GIG ECONOMY

RESOURCE GUIDE



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Is Gig Work for You?

This guide is intended to provide a comprehensive overview of resources available to Florida's gig workers and businesses engaged in the gig economy. This resource guide provides quick access to state and national workforce, education and entrepreneurial resources for gig workers and provides information and links to answer frequently asked questions.



Why Gig Work?

People decide to participate in the gig economy for a variety of reasons. Surveys indicate some common motives including flexibility, freedom, independence, career opportunities, earnings potential and upward mobility of these types of work arrangements.



INDEPENDENCE

Freedom to pursue self-directed work.



INTEREST

Can leverage personal interests, such as creative pursuits, to earn income.



FLEXIBILITY

Ability to set work hours, location, tasks and time commitment.

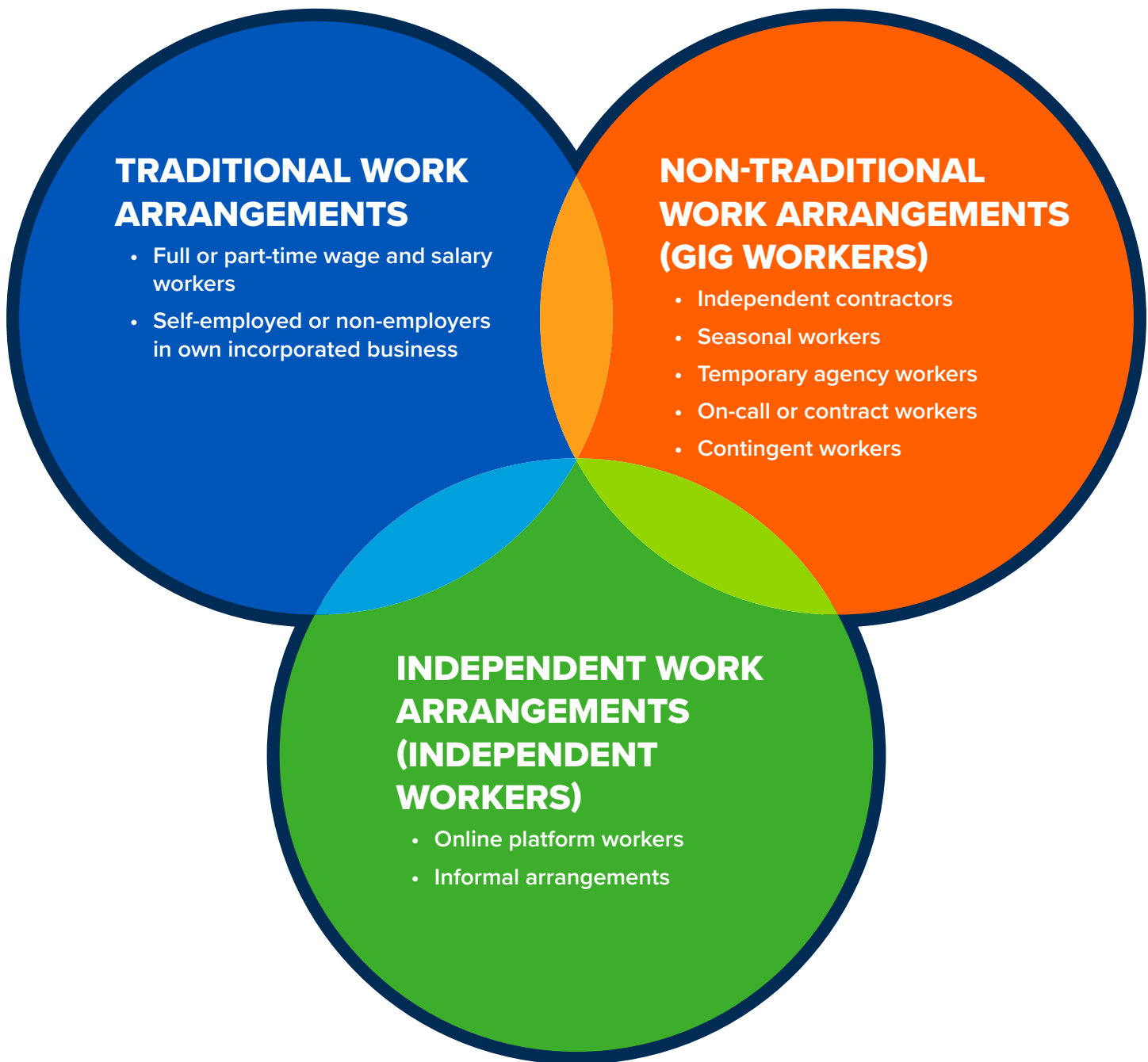


INCOME

Ability to earn income and/or supplement regular earnings.

What is the “Gig Economy”?

The terms gig, sharing or online economy all describe temporary work arranged through online marketplaces and platforms. Instead of being paid a regular salary, gig workers are paid by the gig on an on-demand basis. The diagram below offers some examples of traditional, gig and independent work.



Common Gig Terms

There are many interrelated terms used to describe employment arrangements and worker types. The glossary below will help you understand some common terms.

- **Alternative Employment Arrangements** – Typically temporary; includes independent contractors as well as on-call workers, temporary agency and contract firm workers.
- **Contingent Workers** – Workers in temporary and or non-standard work arrangements and do not expect their jobs to last.
- **Contract Workers** – Workers employed by a company, usually as an employee, that provides them or their services to other entities. Often assigned only one customer and usually work at the customer's worksite.
- **Electronically Mediated Employment** – Employment found through mobile apps that connect workers with customers and arrange payment for tasks.
- **Employee** – Work arrangement defined by the IRS and used to classify workers under Federal employment law.
- **Full-Time Worker** – Workers with 35 hours or more of paid work per week.
- **Gig Economy** – Also referred to as online or sharing economy; grew from technology-enabled job marketplaces, including leasing, renting and selling arrangements between individuals and/or businesses.
- **On-Call Workers** – Workers asked to work only as needed, although they may be scheduled to work for several days or weeks in a row. Typically wage-based but are considered employees of the contracting businesses.
- **Part-Time Worker** – Workers who usually work less than 35 hours per week.
- **Self Employed, Incorporated** – Self-employed individuals who establish a business corporation or entity.
- **Self Employed or Sole Proprietor, Unincorporated** – An unincorporated business owned and run by an individual with no distinction between the business and the owner. The owner is entitled to all profits and is responsible for all business's debts, losses and liabilities.
- **Sharing Economy** – Broad term used to describe economic activity based on acquiring, providing or sharing access to goods and services through online platforms.
- **Temporary Help Agency Workers** – Workers who are paid by a third-party intermediary. These workers are considered employees of the third-party agency rather than independent contractors. Jobs may or may not be temporary.
- **Wage Employee** – Workers paid a fixed pay rate per hour based on an employment contract.

What Do Gig Workers Do?

Gig work represents many non-traditional jobs that have existed for decades. More recently, traditional freelance work has grown from creative occupations into a wide range of professional, technical, business, hospitality and individual consumer services. This growth has been enabled through online platforms that directly connect workers seeking gigs to individuals and businesses.



Today, common gig jobs include professional and business services, transportation and information industries. Industries such as education and health also show significant independent work opportunities. Other common occupations for gig workers include:

- Graphics and Design
- Digital Marketing
- Programming and Coding
- Software Development
- Engineering and Architecture
- Writing and Translating
- Business and Administrative Support
- Customer Service
- Finance and Accounting
- Legal

Are You a Gig Worker?

Do you work side jobs to supplement your regular income? Do you do work for which you do not receive a 1099 form? It's possible that you are already a gig worker.

Gig work encompasses many types of work arrangements and industries. The graphic below depicts some common gig worker types. Workers may fall into one or more of these categories and may move across categories based on changes in finances, work-life situations and other factors.

THE SUBSCRIBER



Chooses independent work for flexibility, independence, work-life balance and other perceived benefits.

THE SUPPLEMENTER



Engages in independent work primarily to provide additional income sources, either primary or in addition to primary jobs.

THE ALTERNATIVE



Pursues gig work out of necessity, perhaps because traditional jobs are not available in an area or due to factors that result in challenges to securing traditional employment.

THE RELUCTANT



Engaged in alternative work arrangements and independent work solely out of need, primarily income, but also to keep active during periods of unemployment, transition, health or injury recovery.

THE RETIREE



Likely to have retired from full-time positions and pursue independent work in order to supplement fixed incomes, to pay for unexpected costs, or simply to keep active and engage in social interactions.

THE ENTHUSIAST



Engages in supplemental independent work by choice and additional income is likely not the primary reason for engaging in gig work.

Want to Learn More?

In 2019, CareerSource Florida released its *Study on the Gig Economy and Florida's Workforce System*. This report summarized national research and data on the gig economy, gathers Florida-specific data and trends and engaged state workforce, education, economic development and business partners in discussions about the future of work and entrepreneurship in Florida. Click on the image below to read the full report on Florida's gig economy and the potential workforce, education and economic development implications for Florida.



Frequently Asked Questions

SKILLS-BUILDING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

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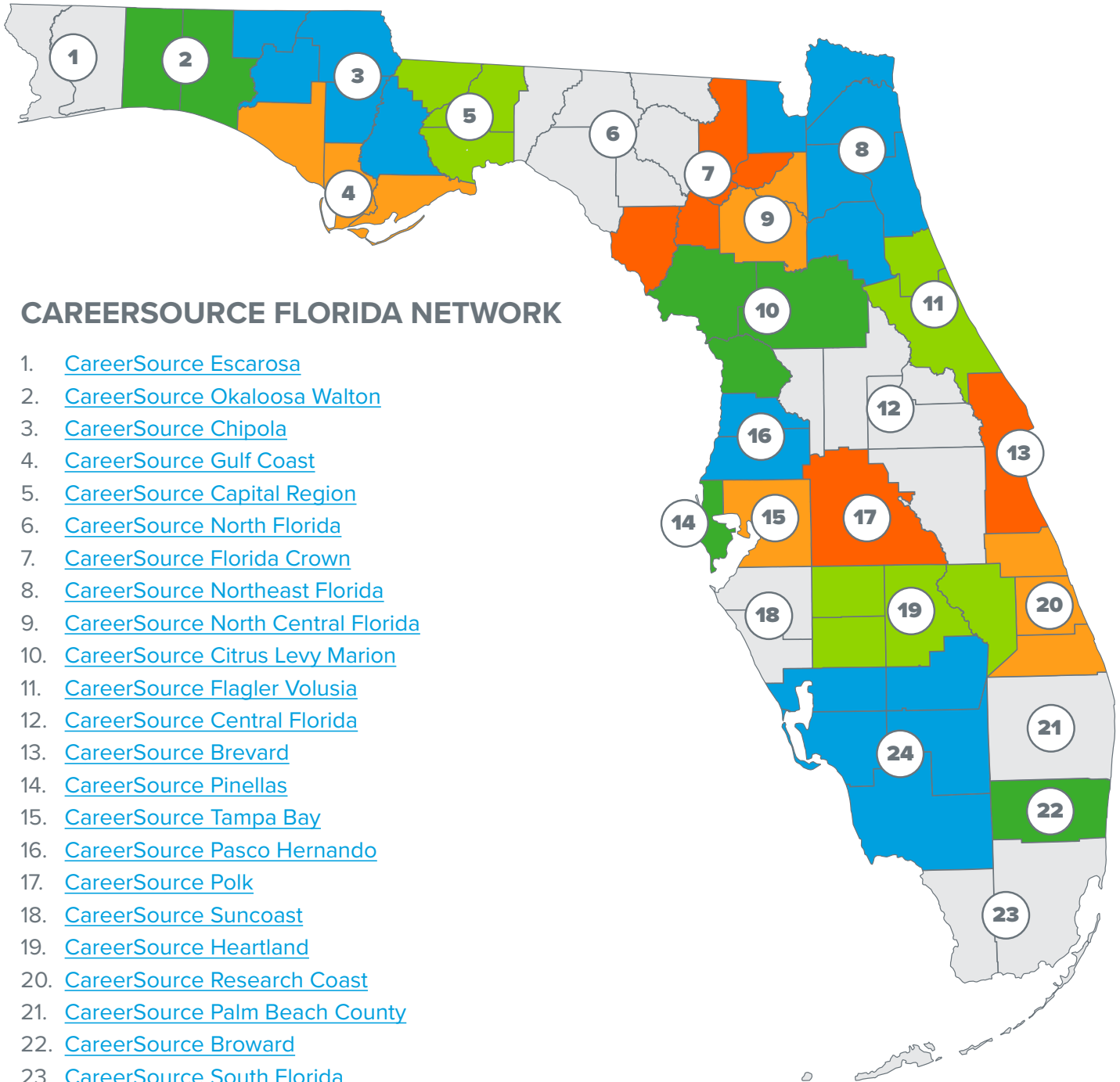
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- [How to I find, hire and pay gig workers?](#)
- [What resources are available for minority, women, or veteran-owned businesses and entrepreneurs?](#)

Find Your Local Team

The 24 CareerSource Florida [Local Workforce Development Boards](#) throughout the state offer resources and programs to assist individuals with job searches, career development and training. The CareerSource Florida network also supports employers online, by phone and by appointment as available.



What Interests You?

Follow any of the four pathways below to find answers to frequently asked questions, information about starting a career, building a business, gig work success and links to valuable online resources.



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EDUCATION PATHWAY**



**EMPLOYMENT
PATHWAY**



**GIG SUCCESS
PATHWAY**

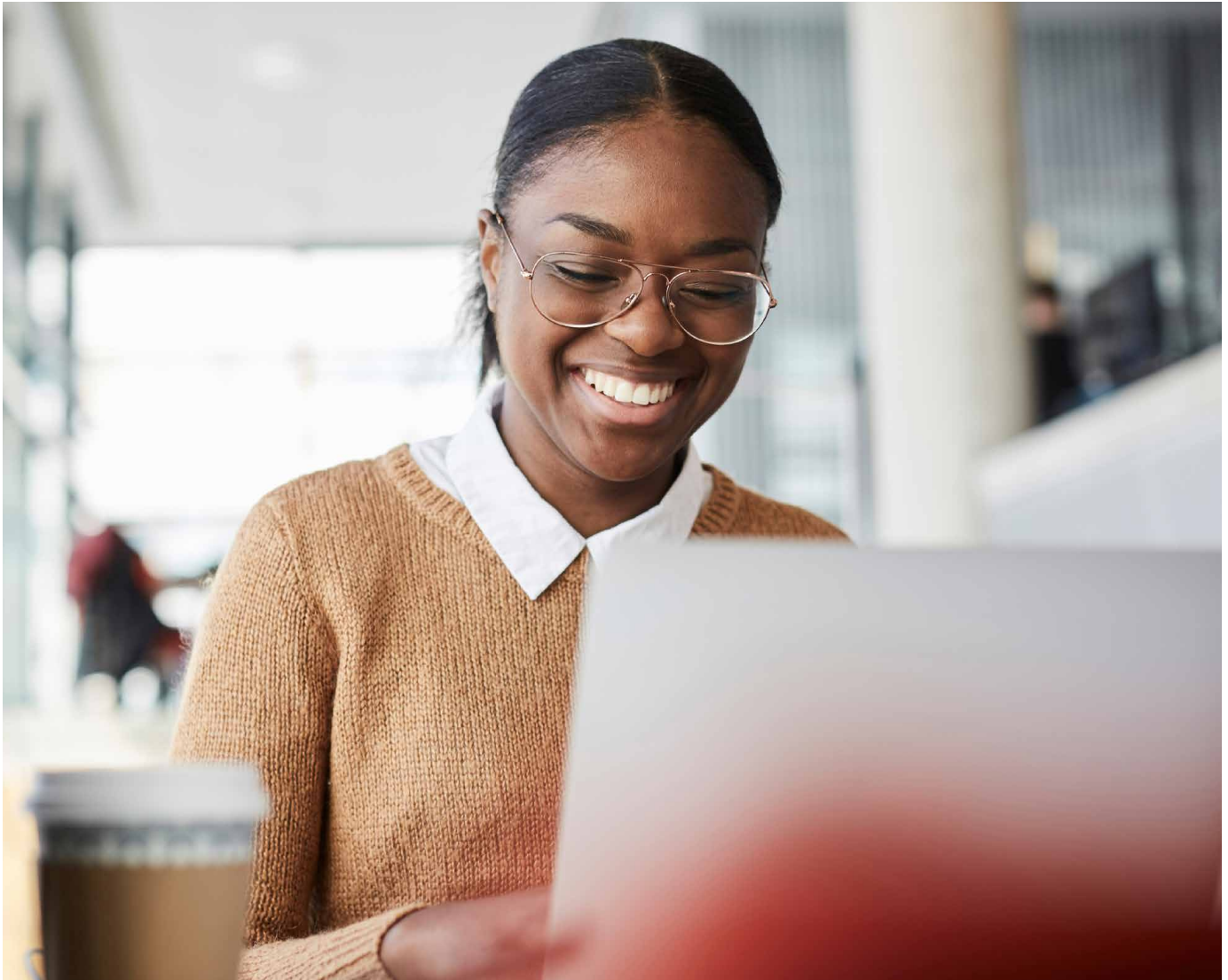


**ENTREPRENEURIAL
PATHWAY**

Skills-Building Pathway



Many of Florida's gig workers are looking to build the skills or acquire the credentials needed to begin or advance careers. These pages provide resources that will allow you to determine the industry-specific training that is right for you, make decisions about licenses and eligible training and learn more about continuing education available in Florida.



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Skills-Building Pathway



YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Where can I find resources to build my skills?

Information on education and training opportunities can be found on [Employ Florida](#), which allows users to search for training providers and schools, training and education programs and explore free online learning options. It also provides features to help users evaluate the cost of programs through a budget feature and search for scholarships.

[Local workforce development boards](#) are another good place to start. There are 24 locally-managed CareerSource Florida boards around the state that oversee over 100 career centers. Among other services, these centers offer assistance in job training and education.

The Florida Department of Education [Career and Adult Education page](#) includes information about apprenticeship programs, postsecondary institutions and career planning tools.

What credentials or certifications do I need?

Unlike licenses, credentials and certifications are typically not a legal requirement to work in an occupation. Instead, credentials document the ability to perform in a certifiable career field and validate professional knowledge and skills. [The Florida DOE Career and Technical Education page](#) provides resources within 17 career clusters. Provided under each career cluster are links to curriculum frameworks, important industry events and organizations and certification requirements. The Department's broader [Career and Adult Education page](#) offers information about apprenticeship programs, an inventory of postsecondary institutions, district technical centers and career planning tools.

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YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

What licenses do I need?

Certain trades require professional or vocational licenses. Obtaining an occupational license typically requires some level of education and/or training, may involve an exam or require experience in the field and will likely require a fee. For example, physical therapists, interior designers, detectives, cosmetologists, barbers, architects and massage therapists require licensing in Florida.

The [Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation](#) maintains a list of occupations that require a state license. Through this portal, users may view information on licensing requirements, check the status of an existing application, apply using a printable application or access the online application system for specific businesses or professions. The website also allows users to search for DBPR-approved courses that satisfy a profession's continuing education requirements.

In addition to state licensing, you may need to get a local business license, either from the county or city in which your business is located or both. Almost all Florida counties require businesses to obtain a license before doing business, even for self-employed, home-based operations. This general business license is called a business tax receipt and is obtained by registering with the county tax collector. You can find links to all Florida county tax collectors at the [Florida Department of Revenue](#) website. Many cities in Florida require businesses to obtain a local city business tax receipt in addition to the county business tax receipt. You will need to check with your local government to determine if a business tax receipt is required.

The [OpenMyFloridaBusiness](#) website provides information and resources about steps to take to register a business, apply for a license and learn more about assistance from the Department of Economic Opportunity.

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[Employ Florida Education and Training](#)

This page allows you to search for training providers and schools, training and education programs, and explore free online learning options. It can also help you evaluate the cost of programs through a budget feature, search for scholarships, and access labor market information that could inform your career choices.



[Apprentice Florida](#)

This partnership between the Florida Department of Education, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and CareerSource Florida provides opportunities to get on-the-job training and earn credentials – all while being paid. Apprenticeships are designed by and for employers with a specialized focus on the unique needs of a specific job.



[Florida State College System](#)

The 28-member Florida College System is the primary access point to higher education for Floridians. On the Florida Department of Education portal, you can browse colleges in Florida near you. Many colleges also offer online coursework that you can utilize to build your skills.

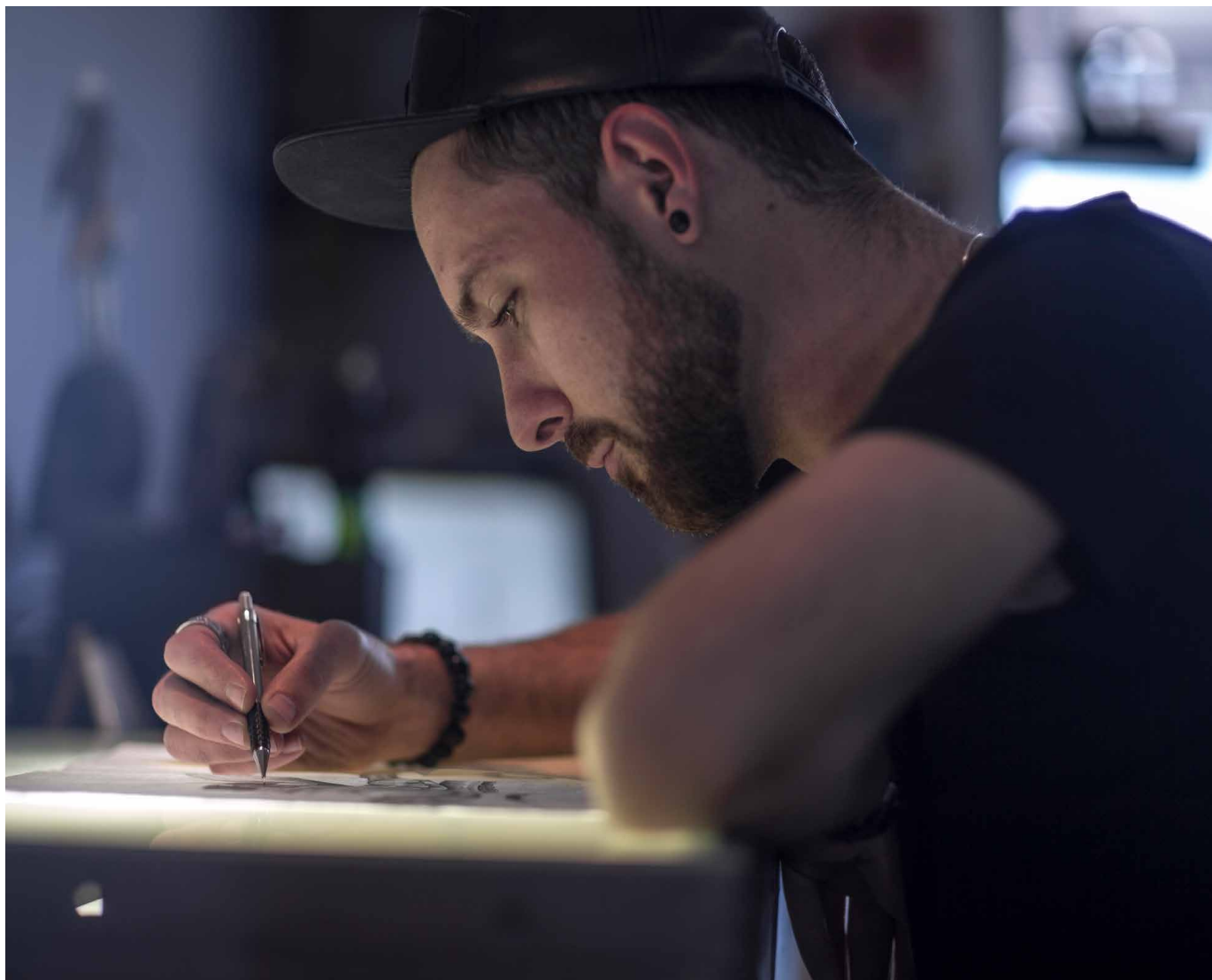
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Employment Pathway



Whether you are looking for employment in the gig economy or are currently a gig worker looking to move into traditional employment, finding a job can be a challenging process. This involves determining the specific training and education required for certain positions, crafting a resume and cover letter, researching jobs and industries in your area and preparing for interviews. The following websites may help connect you with available resources and information.

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YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

What type of gig work is right for me?

Different types of gig work may be a better fit depending upon local opportunities, schedule flexibility, earnings, benefits, required skills, workplace environment and other variables. To determine the best fit, it may be helpful to better understand the local labor market. More information is available on [Florida Insight](#) and the [Employ Florida Labor Market Services](#). In addition to employment statistics, both portals offer labor market data and occupational and industry projections that will allow users to better understand prospects based on the local economy and jobs.

It is important to understand the nature of different types of gig work. [Nation 1099](#) offers career guides for different types of freelance work, including copywriter, web developer, management consultant and graphic designer. These guides offer an overview of the type of work and tips for getting started. Nation 1099 [maintains a list](#) of websites for finding gig work.

Learn about the types of gig work you can get started on right away versus those that may require further education or training. You can visit the [Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation](#) or [this toolkit's FAQ section](#) to learn more about occupations requiring a license.

How do I find gig work?

One way to find work is to visit one of the websites designed to connect gig workers with clients. Nation 1099 [maintains a list](#) of websites for finding gig work. The nature of these platforms varies widely. Some sites are targeted towards specific types of freelance work, such as graphic design, and are intended mostly as a platform to showcase work. They may also include a vetting process to be listed on the site, a monthly membership fee, or a structure that involves “bidding” on work that has been posted by clients. The platform(s) you choose will be determined by the type of gig work that most interests you. For many types of gig work, developing a robust professional network is crucial for maintaining a steady flow of work. Networking will help you establish a group of people who know about and will recommend your work to others. Networking will also help you find out about and pursue new opportunities for work. A network often includes clients, collaborators, mentors, vendors, and other referral sources. The Freelancer's Union offers members a [guide on networking](#).

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How do I find opportunities for non-gig work?

Your [Local Workforce Boards](#), [Employ Florida Job Seeker Services](#), and the [Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Workforce Programs List](#) are designed to help you tailor your job search and connect you with the skills and resources you need to be hired. There are also programs designed for specific jobseeker types, including the Military Family Employment Advocacy Program, the Veterans Employment Program, Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Services, and an Eligible Training Provider List.

Are there specific employment resources for job seekers with disabilities?

Yes! The [Florida AbilitiesWork portal](#) is an online resource designed to help match job seekers with disabilities with employment opportunities. Abilities Work offers a complete set of employment tools including resources for support services to assist employers and job seekers with disabilities in navigating the disability support system. The [Employ Florida Disability Services](#) page offers links to additional national and community-level resources for jobseekers with disabilities.

Where can I find resources for veterans, migrant workers, or military families?

There are programs designed for certain groups of job seekers, including the Military Family Employment Advocacy Program, the Veterans Employment Program and Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Services. The [Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Workforce Programs List](#) provides a comprehensive list of programs designed for these groups. Additional information about veterans' services is available on the [Employ Florida portal](#).

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[Local Workforce Development Boards](#)

There are 24 CareerSource Florida local workforce development boards that oversee nearly 100 career centers. These career centers offer job training, education, employment services and services to businesses designed to connect employers with talent and job seekers with employment and career development opportunities. After determining your local workforce board, you can reach out for support in your job search, career development and training.



[Employ Florida Job Seeker Services](#)

Employ Florida offers a wide range of resources for job seekers, including reemployment assistance, education and training portals and job searches. A career explorer helps job seekers identify potential career paths, research employers, find job openings, sign up for virtual recruiting and access help in creating a resume and cover letter.



[Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Workforce Programs List](#)

This page provides information about DEO workforce programs and services. The website includes resources designed for specific job seeker types and links to the Military Family Employment Advocacy Program, the Veterans' Employment Program and Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Services and an Eligible Training Provider List.

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Gig Success Pathway



Gig work may require workers to learn about taxes, insurance, bookkeeping and legal issues. Fortunately, there are numerous resources designed to provide gig workers with relevant information. These pages provide answers to frequently asked questions and websites to help workers access marketing, financial and other available resources.



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YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

How do I market myself as a gig worker?

Networking is an important tool to gain reliable clients and collaborators. Nation 1099 offers [several resources](#) to help its members find clients develop a brand. The Freelancers' Union offers its members a [guide on networking](#). It may be helpful to visit one of the many websites designed to connect gig workers with clients. By browsing the type of work and qualifications desired by clients, as well as the types of skills and content other workers are advertising, gig workers will be able to better understand how to present unique skill sets. Nation 1099 [maintains a list](#) of many of these sites.

What do I need to know about paying taxes?

Gig workers must report income earned annually on tax returns, even if only working part time, paid in cash or in kind, or if the income is not reported on an information return form (such as the Form 1099-K or W-2). The [IRS Gig Economy Tax Center](#) is an excellent resource for getting started on understanding what is required as a gig worker or as an employer of gig workers. Cited under the IRS' Small Business and Self-Employed resources center, this page provides detailed instructions about paying taxes on gig work, including keeping records, paying estimated tax and filing a tax return. The Freelancers' Union also offers a [tax guide](#) for freelancers that details key dates and deadlines, exemptions, deductions and credits relevant to freelancers and options for retirement savings.

What type of insurance do I need?

In general, gig workers should consider purchasing the following types of insurance: health, disability, general or professional liability and life. Liability may be the least familiar to most but is an important consideration for independent workers. Depending on the type of work, some clients may require gig workers to carry professional liability insurance, which protects freelancers and their businesses from shouldering the financial burden of mistakes or accidents. This insurance covers legal fees and other court costs as well as settlements and court judgements. Freelancers Union's [Freelance 101](#) page offers explanations for each type of insurance on their website and offers its own health, disability, and liability insurance options to members.

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How do I ensure I am paid for my work?

Contracts establish a shared set of expectations with a client. Understanding how to write and interpret a contract is crucial for independent workers. Freelancers' Union offers a [Contract Builder](#) that allows you to customize a template to fit your needs. In the case of persistent client nonpayment, it may be necessary to send a collection notice to the client or file a claim in small claims court. Freelancers Union also provides a template for this notice as well as other information on client nonpayment in its [Freelancer's Guide to Getting Paid on Time](#). Other resources for freelancers can be found [here](#).

What are the protections for gig workers from harassment and discrimination?

Some gig workers are categorized by employers as contractors. Independent contractors are not afforded the same protections as full-time employees under significant U.S. labor legislation such as the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and others. These regulations provide protections for employees against discrimination in the workplace and unfair labor practices by employers. Many cities and states have passed additional laws codifying the rights of gig workers and protection from discrimination and harassment. For example, in 2020 both New York state and New York City clarified in their respective human rights laws that antidiscrimination provisions protect contractors, subcontractors, vendors, consultants and temporary workers.

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I WOULD LIKE ASSISTANCE IN OPERATING AS A GIG WORKER.



[IRS Gig Economy Tax Center](#)

Cited under the Small Business and Self-Employed resources center, this page provides tax information for gig workers and those operating digital platforms and businesses. It provides detailed instructions about paying taxes on gig work, recordkeeping, paying estimated tax and filing a tax return. It also includes a video portal with helpful content for small businesses.



[Nation 1099](#)

Nation 1099 is an online community to support independent workers. Though some content is available only to members, there are many useful and publicly accessible tools and resources. Among them are toolkits offering advice on mobile applications and instructional reading material, repositories of job boards, and articles on topics such as rate setting and branding.



[Freelancers Union](#)

Freelancers Union is a non-profit organization that provides information, engages in advocacy on behalf of members and offers insurance plans. The organization's website offers financial tools, legal information and a Freelancing 101 guide that walks users through health insurance, tax, contracts, networking and other key areas relevant to independent or gig work.

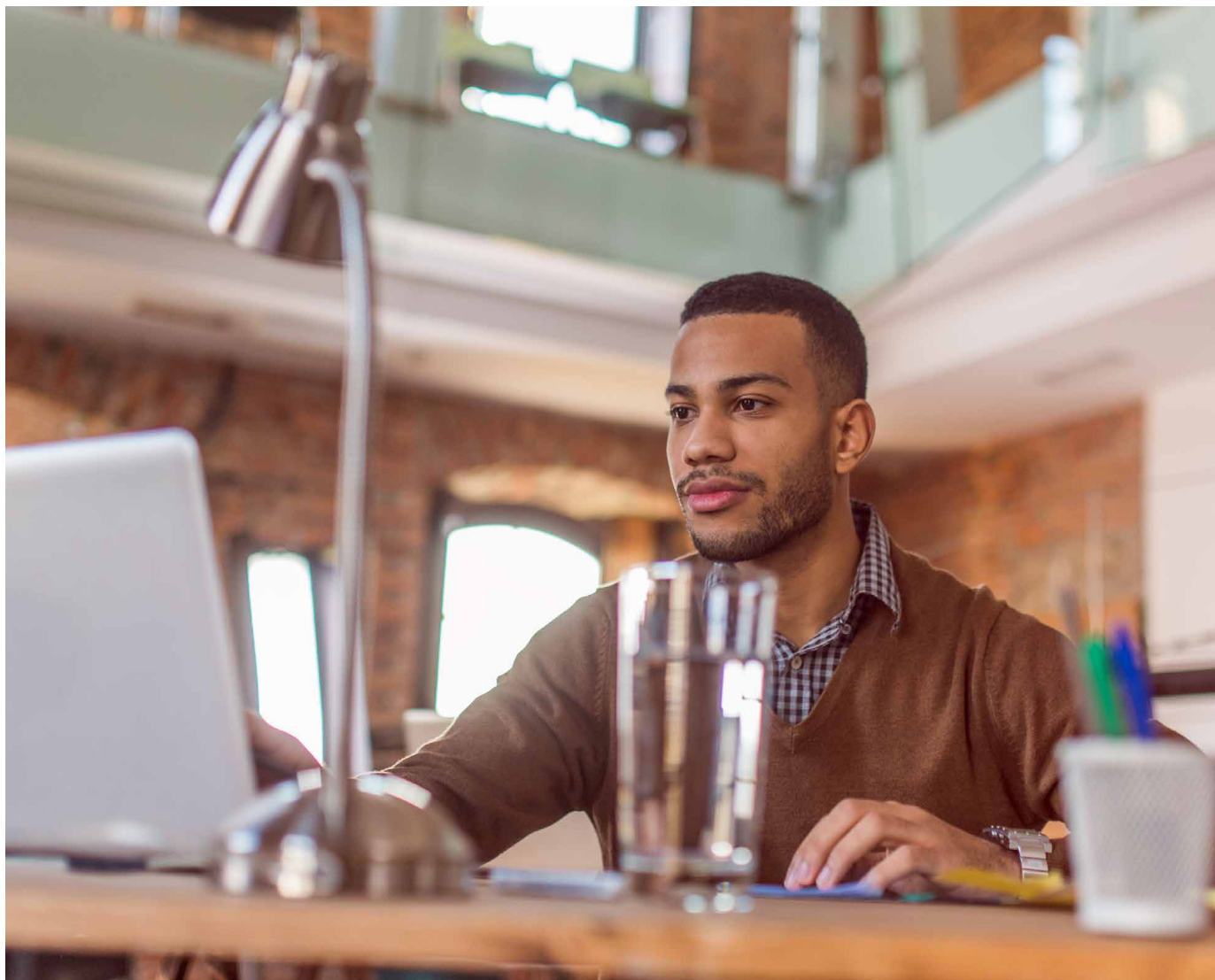
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Entrepreneurial Pathway



Whether you are a self-employed gig worker or a small business owner who employs gig workers, the following pages provide answers to frequently asked questions and resources that help you manage and grow your business. Information includes details about programs for growing businesses, loan providers, incubators and accelerators and licensing requirements.



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YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

How do I get a business loan or start-up capital?

A good place to start is the [Florida Small Business Development Center Network](#). SBDCs have access to robust databases, business research resources and knowledgeable experts who can help you apply for loans or start-up capital. The Florida SBDC's [New Business page](#) will help you connect with resources geared toward the early stages of the business cycle.

There are several loan programs geared toward specific types of business owners. Florida DEO's [Black Business Loan Program](#) (BBLP), for example, offers alternative lending solutions to Florida-based, black-owned small businesses. The [resource list](#) in this section provides additional information on similar targeted programs.

How do I start or grow my business?

In addition to the Florida SBDC's [New Business page](#), [SCORE](#) is another useful resource. SCORE is a nationwide free business mentoring and education with [59 chapters](#) across Florida. SCORE mentors are available to work remotely via phone, email and video and help thousands of entrepreneurs start and grow their small businesses every year. Both Florida's SBDC Network and SCORE are designed to connect entrepreneurs with resources geared towards the early stages of the business cycle.

Depending on industry, some jobs may need require a professional or vocational license. Read more about [licenses](#) and [certifications](#) in this toolkit or on [this list](#) maintained by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

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How do I find, hire and pay gig workers?

[Employ Florida's Employer portal](#) allows users to analyze the labor market, search for candidates, post jobs and set up a virtual recruiter. The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's [Business Resources page](#) provides information on how to recruit qualified candidates, report new hires, find tax credit and incentive programs and comply with laws relating to required notice and display posters. You may wish to hire workers through one of the many websites or applications designed to connect gig workers with clients. Nation 1099 [maintains a list](#) of platforms for posting and finding gig work.

What resources are available for minority, women, or veteran-owned businesses and entrepreneurs?

The entrepreneur [resource list](#) identifies several resources for minority, women, and veteran-owned businesses. Included are the [Florida Women's Business Center](#), the [Hispanic Business Initiative Fund](#), the [SBA's Office of Native American Affairs](#) and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's [Black Business Loan Program](#). This toolkit's [veteran resources](#) section describes some of the veterans resources in Florida, including opportunities training through the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs [Employment Services](#).

The Florida Department of Management Services' Office of Supplier Diversity (OSD) certifies eligible Florida-based veteran, woman and minority-owned small businesses. State Certified Business Enterprises earn first-tier referrals, meaning that when state agencies seek to increase diversity in their eQuotes and purchase orders OSD recommends Certified Business Enterprises. The Florida Department of Veterans Affairs [offers guidance](#) about applying for this designation.

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[Florida Small Business Development Center Network](#)

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FLORIDA VIRTUAL ENTREPRENEUR CENTER

[Florida Virtual Entrepreneur Center](#)

The Florida Virtual Entrepreneur Center is an online directory of agencies that serve entrepreneurs. The site allows users to browse events, resource agencies, and other entrepreneurs by county and city. Includes local chambers of commerce, accelerators, career centers, loan providers, and offices to which owners will need to submit paperwork (business license, for example).



[African American Entrepreneurs Association](#)

AAEA is a non-profit organization that seeks to create economic development through entrepreneurship within the African American community. The organization offers education, mentoring, workshops, group economics and microfinancing opportunities.

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Black Business Loan Program

Florida DEO's Black Business Loan Program (BBLP) offers alternative lending solutions to Florida-based, black-owned small businesses by providing short-term loans and technical assistance. Applicants can apply through the [FAMU Federal Credit Union](#) or the [Miami Bayside Foundation](#).



Black Business Investment Fund

BBIF is a non-profit, mission-driven Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) that helps Florida-based businesses obtain loan capital and provides business development training. The fund helps entrepreneurs through the process by providing flexible loan terms and free financial training.



Florida Women's Business Center

Florida Women's Business Center offers networking opportunities and other helpful resources for female entrepreneurs, including one-on-one counseling sessions available by appointment. FWBC's parent organization - the [TED Center](#) offers business incubation services and access to state-of-the-art computer technology.



Hispanic Business Initiative Fund

Prospera provides bilingual assistance to Hispanic entrepreneurs who are looking to establish or expand their business in Florida. The organization offers free seminars in Spanish and loan information.

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[Florida State Minority Supplier Development Council](#)

Florida State Minority Supplier Development Council administers programs to support business development and networking for minority business enterprises including technical assistance and capacity-building services, educational resources and events.



[SBA's Office of Native American Affairs](#)

The Office of Native American Affairs promotes and supports Native American entrepreneurs with services including tribal consultations, development and distribution of promotional materials and participation in national economic development conferences. The program provides in-person and online training resource as well as information about lending.



[National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development](#)

The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development is a non-profit organization that provides training, advocacy, business development and other resources for Native American entrepreneurs. The organization also holds conferences and trade fairs that aim to advance economic development.

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I WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT JOBS ARE AVAILABLE AND WHERE.



[Florida Insight](#)

Florida's Research and Economic Information Database Application offers data and information, divided into Labor Market Data, Products and Services including the [Florida Online Job and Demand Tool](#), a GIS/charts library and presentations on national, state and local economies. In addition to employment statistics, the labor market data includes occupational and industry projections that allow users to better understand the future direction of Florida's economy and jobs. An Education and Training Data section allows users to search for educational programs by geography.



[Employ Florida Labor Market Services](#)

This page allows users to view local labor market facts, area profiles, industry profiles and occupational profiles by geography. These tools will help users better understand the existing demand, growth outlook, average wages and regional prevalence of specific jobs and industries. It includes an Education Profile tool that connects to labor market information about education programs in a selected area.

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Vocational Resources



Abilities Work

The Florida Abilities Work portal in Employ Florida is designed to meet the needs of Florida employers looking to hire qualified job seekers with disabilities and the job seekers who are trying to find that next great job. Employers can list available jobs or search for potential employees at [Vocational Rehabilitation \(VR\)](#). Job seekers with disabilities can search for available jobs on the Employ Florida site.



Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Vocational Rehabilitation Services provides programs to help individuals with disabilities gain employment through job training, counseling, mentoring and job placement. Employer services are also provided.



Division of Blind Services

The Division of Blind Services offers vocational training, job placement, career counseling and guidance to support visually impaired Floridians gain employment.

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Veteran Resources



[Veterans Florida](#)

The Veterans Florida career services team assists job seekers with resume and interview preparation, help determine employment goals and match with career opportunities at veteran-friendly employers in Florida.



[EmployFloridaVets](#)

Employ Florida Vets is the state's online jobs portal to provide Florida's veterans access to employment services. The initiative matches service members with jobs and training opportunities based on skills and experience.



[Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs](#)

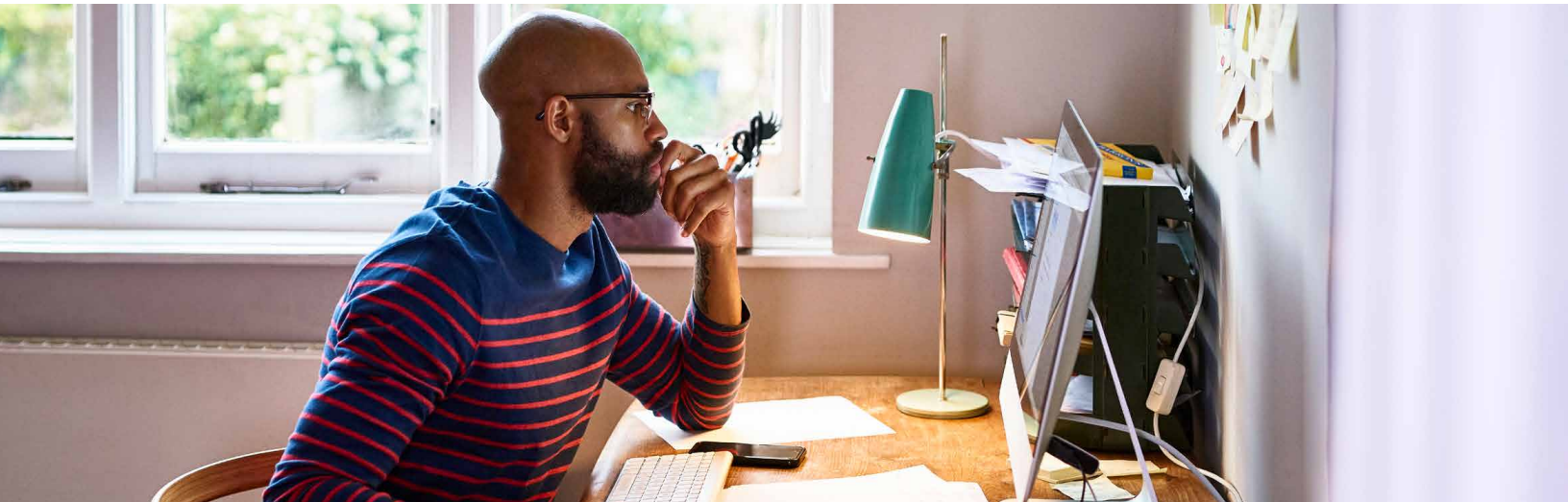
Florida's Department of Veterans' Affairs provides links to employment opportunities and employment training resources specifically geared toward veterans.

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Register With Employ Florida

Register with Employ Florida and access to online services at employflorida.com.



Registered individuals have access to:

- a personal folder containing saved searches, system settings and other customized information
- career assessment tools, including skills matching, that help match job seekers with positions based on qualifications and abilities
- a home page with customized news content
- resume and cover letter templates
- Automated job searches to receive current job opportunities in your system message box or your preferred email address or both

Registered employers can:

- post job orders
- search the system's database for candidate resumes
- perform searches using an expanded range of advanced search options
- create automated candidate searches to receive resumes in your message box, your preferred email address or both

Learn more about the benefits of registering here: [Why Register?](#)

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