



Living Wage Small Employer Application Form



What is a living wage?

A living wage reflects what two working adults supporting two children need to earn to cover their basic expenses, after government transfers and deductions. It is calculated using the actual costs of living for a specific community.

Criteria

To be recognized as a Living Wage Employer, an organization needs to pay its direct staff and indirect contract staff at least the living wage rate. An employer may offset the living wage rate by providing benefits that affect basic needs, such as Medical Services Plan premiums. The current living wage for the Fraser Valley is \$17.40/hr.

Additional information

Each employer will receive a window decal, recognition plaque and website graphic to promote that they are a Living Wage Employer.

This application is considered confidential and will only be shown to living wage team members and the Employer Certification committee.

Please direct questions regarding the certification process or criteria to Halena Seiferling at 604-975-3347 or info@livingwageforfamilies.ca.

“By certifying as a Living Wage Employer we are making a long-term commitment to people and the environment.”

Robert Tosoni, Village Cleaners

Section 1. Employer information

Name of Employer: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Primary Contact: _____ Title: _____

Primary Contact Email: _____ Primary Contact Phone: _____

Website: _____

Facebook: _____ Twitter: _____

Basic description of company and nature of workplace:

Section 2. Certification eligibility

The current living wage rate for the Fraser Valley is \$17.40/hr.

1. How many employees do you have? Total: _____

Full time: _____ Part time: _____ Student: _____ Contracted: _____

How many staff will be impacted by implementing the living wage? _____

2. How many employees are currently paid a living wage? Total: _____

Full time: _____ Part time: _____ Student: _____ Contracted: _____

3. If not all employees are currently paid a living wage, please outline the steps you will take to implement the living wage and the projected timeline (e.g., part-time employees will receive an increase to the living wage within X months).

4. Please list current service contracts and action you have taken or will take to include the living wage (e.g., the living wage will be included when external service contracts are renewed). Contractors who work 120-plus hours are paid a living wage.

5. What is your plan and who is responsible for ensuring you remain in compliance with annual increases to the living wage rate?

6. Why is it important to you to pay a living wage? (choose top three)

To increase employee retention

To decrease the number of sick days and reduce benefit costs

For positive brand association and to be seen as an ethical employer

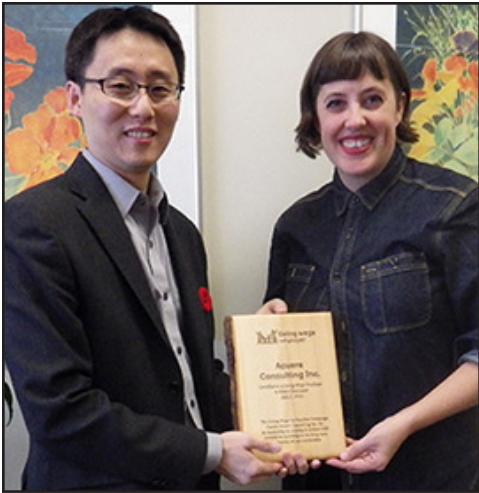
To attract desirable, qualified recruits

To increase productivity

Feel obligated to do so

Other (please explain) _____

A living wage is the income necessary to provide workers and their families with the basic necessities of life. A living wage enables workers to live with dignity and to participate as active citizens in society.



“We believe business sustainability requires quality as a top priority. For us Living Wages = Quality = Profitability”

Clark Lim, Principal
Acure Consulting Ltd.



Section 3. Promotions

7. May we quote you? Please provide a quote sharing the reasons you pay a living wage or the benefits to your organization.

8. Please tell us which promotional items you would like to receive:

Window decal - Quantity: _____

Website graphic emailed to: _____

9. **Yes!** I would like to participate on the Employers Committee and provide support to other Living Wage Employers.

Signature

Date



Please return the completed application form to:

Living Wage for Families Campaign
810 - 815 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC V6C 1B4

Or email to info@livingwageforfamilies.ca.

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