



NEW MEMBER SUPPORT



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BCTF initiatives to support new members

1. Publications

- a. *The practice of teaching: A handbook for TTOCs and new teachers*

The handbook is available to all new members in both official languages (English and French). It is distributed through the local association in a kit of materials to welcome new members.

bctf.ca/NewTeachers/handbook.pdf

Support for new teachers

A basic information package, including BCTF policy regarding the beginning teachers' conference grants and support strategies, is available on the BCTF home page.

bctf.ca/NewTeachers.aspx

2. Conference/Grants

- a. Provincial conference

The New Teachers' Conference is held each school year. Members with five years or less of teaching experience are welcome to attend.

The registration fee is minimal as the conference is subsidized by the BCTF. Student teachers are also invited to attend, as space allows.

bctf.ca/NewTeachers.aspx

- b. Zone or local new teacher conference grants.

- c. Grants of \$500 are available to PSAs, locals, or zones that wish to organize a new teachers' conference. For a copy of the application form, go to <http://bctf.ca/uploadedFiles/Public/NewTeachers/LocalNewTeacherGrantAppForm.pdf>.

3. Mentoring

For information on mentoring programs, contact the PSID Director toll-free at 1-800-663-9163 (local 1849), or 604-871-1849.

4. Online

- a. New teachers and teachers teaching on call home page

bctf.ca/NewTeachers.aspx

bctf.ca/TeachersOnCall.aspx?id=5022

b. e-mail list: bctf.ca/NewTeachers.aspx

Open to all members to facilitate discussion among, and between, beginning and experienced teachers.

Go to www.opensubscriber.com/messages/bctf-beginteach@list.bctf.ca/index.html

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