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# Managing Your Career: Strategies for Graduates with Dis Abilities

Workplace Accommodations

Video 2: Responsibilities of the Employer

### **Modules**

- 1. Career Planning
- 2. Understanding Employment Equity
- 3. Addressing Employment Barriers
- 4. Self-Advocacy and Disclosure

## 5. Workplace Accommodations



### Responsibilities in the Accommodation Process: Employees

#### Individuals with disabilities must:

- Tell the employer that they have disability-related needs that require accommodations on-the-job
- Help obtain necessary information about their needs including medical or other expert opinions
- Participate in discussions about solutions
- Work with the employer on an ongoing basis to manage the accommodation process

## Responsibilities in the Accommodation Process: Employers

#### **Employers must:**

- Accept requests in good faith
- Request only information that is required to accommodate
- Obtain expert advice or opinion where warranted
- Take an active role in examining possible solutions
- Maintain confidentiality
- Respond to accommodation requests in a timely manner
- Pay the fee for any required medical documentation



Recruitment

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## Employee's Benefits of Being Accommodated

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Improve Work Performance

Help to get a Job

Help to keep a job

Reduce Stress & Anxiety





### How Equity Policies Help You

Understanding Employment
Equity polices can assist you
in identifying welcoming
employers

Employers inviting applications from persons with disabilities still want you to highlight your skills and strengths!



Accommodating someone with a disability is seldom as expensive or difficult as is sometimes imagined. Over two-thirds of job accommodations cost under \$500; many cost nothing at all.



# Employer's Benefits of Being Accommodated

#### **Direct Benefits**

- Retain qualified employees
- Increase employee's productivity
- Eliminate costs of training new employee

#### **Indirect Benefits**

- Improve interactions with co-workers
- Increase company diversity & productivity



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