

10 weeks Business Plan Development

- Online workshops, 5 half days during first and second week
- 7 weeks to research and write a business plan
- Support from SE Program Coordinator
- Business Plan submitted to SE Review Committee for approval

*during this phase you are not permitted to operate your business ex. make sales and service customers

*it is possible to submit plan and be approved early to start business operations

38 weeks Business Plan Launch and Implementation

- Start business activities of approved business plan with support of SE Program Coordinator
- Market, Sell and Report to program as required
- 2 week, 10 week and 24 week check-ins

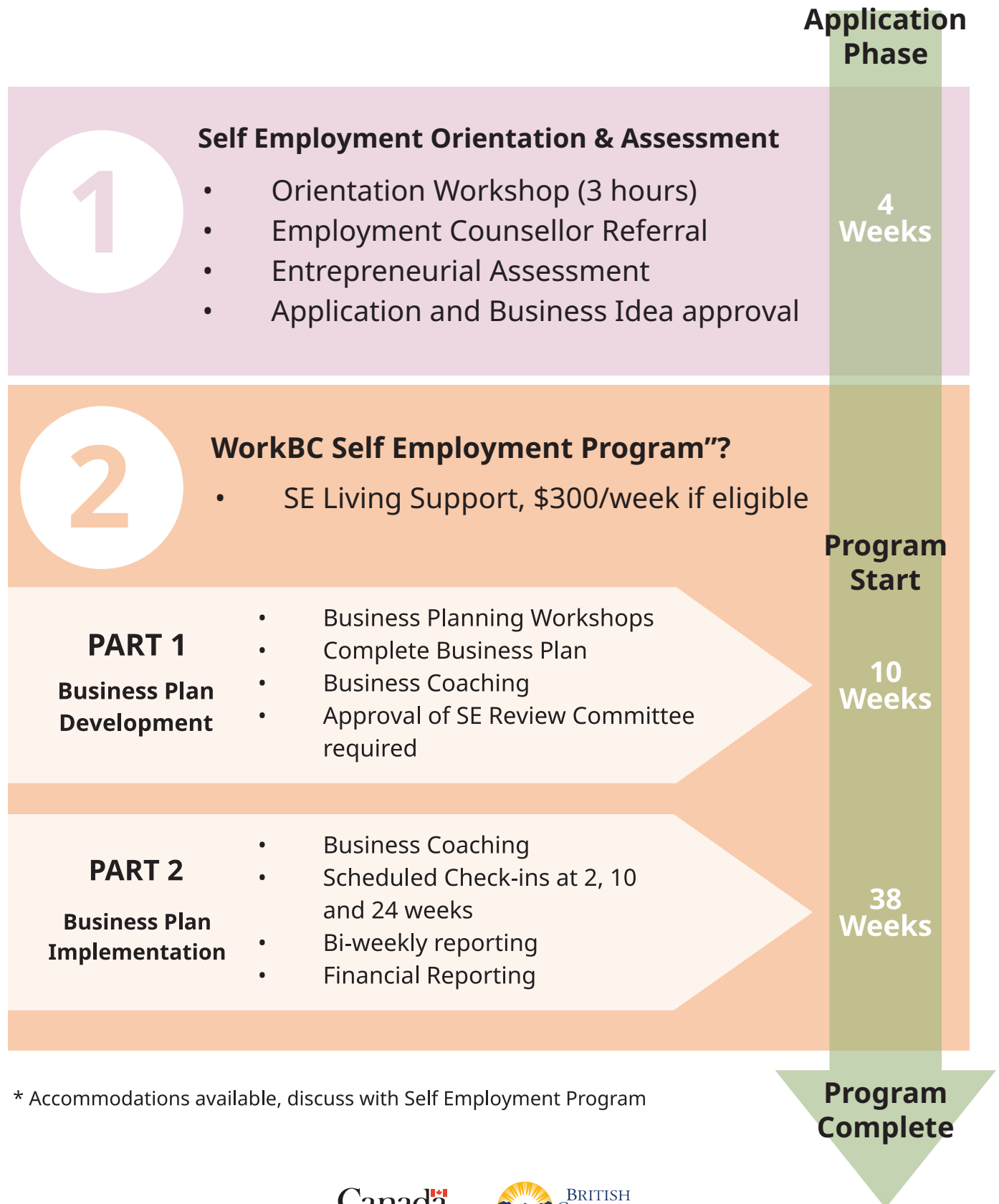
Program Eligibility

- Attachment to EI (Employment Insurance), reachback, active claim
- OR No EI attachment but has a self-disclosed disability or BCEA PWD or PPMB designation
 - PWD PPMB continue to receive their BCEA benefit
 - Self-disclosed disability is not eligible for program living supports, other funding may be available, Opportunities Fund
- Must have or be reasonably able to attain funds for business start-up and operational costs
- One viable business idea
- Already have all the skills and certifications required for business idea

Program Requirements

- No program funds available for business expenses
- No Breaks of holidays during the program beyond weekends and statutory holidays
- Minimum 35 hours per week, lower minimum available for participants with disabilities
- Financial supports are \$300/week OR current Active EI claim, if eligible
- Cannot be existing business or have begun business operation ex. Marketing or servicing customers

Self-Employment Information Sheet



* Accommodations available, discuss with Self Employment Program