

# QUALITIES SOUGHT IN COST ESTIMATORS

- University Degree, with a specialization in accounting, finance, business administration, commerce, economics, or other fields related to costing.
- Advanced Excel Skills
- Ability to analyze data and provide sound recommendations
- Effective Team Player
- Effective oral and written communication skills
- Desirable - previous cost estimation experience
- Desirable – a general knowledge in areas of financial management (e.g. financial reporting, financial policy, accounting operations).

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# Centre for costing in Defence





## WHO IS THE CENTRE FOR COSTING IN DEFENCE?

- The Centre for Costing in Defence was created within National Defence to improve the timeliness and quality of costing information for decision-making. It is responsible for producing life cycle cost estimates for projects over \$5 million, as well as implementing leading and best practices in costing in Defence. The organization has three groups: Directorate Cost Estimate Delivery, Directorate Costing Analytics, and Directorate *Strong, Secure, Engaged* Financial Strategies.

## WHAT IS COST ESTIMATING?

- Cost estimating is an emerging field both within the Public Service and Private Industry. Cost estimation in project management is the process of forecasting the financial and other resources needed to complete a project within a defined scope. Cost estimation accounts for each element required for the project—from materials to labour—and calculates a total amount that determines a project's budget. It also considers the costs for operating and sustaining the capacity for the life of the asset.



## WHY WORK FOR THE CENTRE FOR COSTING IN DEFENCE?

- A career with the Centre for Costing in Defence will allow you to play an active and direct role in helping shape the capital acquisition programme of DND. This means that you will have a direct role in ensuring our Canadian Armed Forces have the equipment they need to deliver the *Strong, Secure, Engaged* Defence Policy. Furthermore, as the cost estimating field is growing and expanding both within the Public and Private Sectors, you will be positioned and supported to grow and evolve to have a long career within the domain.
- As an employer of choice, we seek to create a vibrant costing community where staff and management are partners in advancing the organizational mandate, and individual professional pursuits.