

The Commonwealth Workforce Development System, known as CWDS, is Pennsylvania CareerLink's new online tool for offering one-stop access to wide-ranging services for employers, job seekers and organizations that provide training, placement assistance, disability services and other services. This new system was launched on September 4, 2007 and replaces the CareerLink system.

CWDS connects users with services and resources offered by several state agencies – all in one place. Employers, service providers, and job seekers can accomplish everything they did on the old PA CareerLink system, plus much more, such as;

- Multiple resume creation
- Spell check
- Improved search functions
- Job matching
- Browse and search available training
- Career research
- Applicant screening
- Labor market research
- Complete site Spanish language translation
- Additional accessibility modifications, including screen-reader friendly format

The Pennsylvania CareerLink-Chester County Office, located in Coatesville, is still open for employers, service providers, and job seekers who desire or require collateral contact. The web-based face of Workforce Development has been enhanced with the introduction of CWDS.

Previous users of the CareerLink system will be given special instructions the first time they visit the CWDS website. Look for the CareerLink logo on the right-hand side for existing user login. There will be no password-reset with the new system.

While the previous CareerLink system will re-direct users to the new webpage, the direct website is [www.cwds.state.pa.us/cwdsonline](http://www.cwds.state.pa.us/cwdsonline).

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