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YOUR TICKET TO A CAREER YOU LOVE.



WHAT IS A TRADE?

Skilled tradespeople are everywhere. You see the evidence every day whether you realize it or not—when you walk into a building, drive down the road, go to a restaurant, or simply turn on a light. When people think of skilled trades, there’s a few that immediately come to mind—plumber, carpenter, electrician. But the trades are much more extensive, with over 100 to choose from in BC—everything from welders to bakers, roofers to cabinet makers, truck and transport mechanic to sheet metal worker, and even more—the opportunities are endless.

WHAT IS A TRADE APPRENTICESHIP?

A trade apprenticeship is how you gain the knowledge and skills you need for a career in your trade. As an apprentice, you’ll spend about six to 10 weeks every year in a training facility learning from an instructor. The rest of the year, you’ll earn while you learn—working on the job with experienced tradespeople and getting paid to do it.

An apprenticeship in the trades lets you put your brain and body to work doing something you love. It’s a chance to sharpen your skills, get better at your craft every day, and turn ideas into things you can see, smell, taste, and touch. No two trades are exactly alike: each one requires a special set of skills and offers different opportunities. Industry Training Authority (ITA) can help you find the right fit by guiding you to figure out what gets your brain fired up, makes your blood pump faster, and puts a smile on your face.

Most apprenticeships take about four years to complete. Yours might be a bit longer or shorter, depending on your trade and how much on-the-job training you do. At the end of your apprenticeship, you’ll earn a trade certification or “ticket” from ITA that is either a provincial Certificate of Qualification (CofQ) or a CofQ with Red Seal Endorsement that is recognized everywhere in Canada.

To learn more about how the apprenticeship process works, go to itabc.ca/overview/apply-apprenticeship.

TYPICAL TRADE APPRENTICESHIP	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	CERTIFICATION EXAM
<p>20% CLASSROOM TRAINING</p> <p>In a classroom or shop at a university, college or private institution</p>	<p>Level 1 (6-10 weeks)</p>	<p>Level 2 (6-10 weeks)</p>	<p>Level 3 (6-10 weeks)</p>	<p>Level 4 (6-10 weeks)</p>	
<p>80% PRACTICAL TRAINING</p> <p>On a job site, working alongside experienced tradespeople in your field</p>	<p>1,500 TO 1,740 HOURS (40-44 weeks)</p>				



See full list of trades →

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HOW DO YOU GET STARTED?

The first step is to determine which trade you want to pursue. The list below shows you the trade programs available in BC. To find out about the pathway to certification for a specific trade, go to itabc.ca/trades. You'll find the Program Profile that includes a description of each trade and requirements for apprentices as well as the Program Outline that includes details about how training is structured.

If you'd like to explore several trades, or try out a trade before you commit to an apprenticeship, many training providers offer trades

exploration courses and foundation programs to see what's the right fit for you. Learn more at itabc.ca/get-job-ready/foundation-programs. ITA also has programs for youth to explore the trades while still in high school—learn more at youth.itabc.ca.

To learn more about how to get started, contact our Customer Service team at 1-866-660-6011 or customerservice@itabc.ca. You can also talk to an ITA Apprenticeship Advisor—find the advisor for your region at itabc.ca/advisors.

Find the right trade for you:

Aircraft Maintenance Technician
Aircraft Structural Technician
Appliance Service Technician
Arborist Technician
Architectural Sheet Metal Worker
Asphalt Paving/Laydown Technician
Automotive Glass Technician
Automotive Painter
Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician
Automotive Service Technician
Baker
Boilermaker
Boom Truck Operator - Folding Boom
Unlimited Tonnage
Boom Truck Operator - Stiff Boom
Unlimited Tonnage
Bricklayer (Mason)
Cabinet Maker (Joiner)
Carpenter
Climbing Arborist
Concrete Finisher
Construction Craft Worker
Cook (Professional Cook 3)
Diesel Engine Mechanic
Drywall Finisher
Electric Motor Systems Technician
(Winder Electrician)
Electrician, Construction
Electrician, Industrial
Embalmer
Embalmer and Funeral Director
Floor Covering Installer

Funeral Director
Gasfitter (Class A)
Gasfitter (Class B)
Glazier
Hairstylist
Heavy Duty Equipment Technician
Heavy Equipment Operator
Horticulturist, Landscape
Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)
Instrumentation and Control Technician
(Industrial Instrument Mechanic)
Insulator (Heat and Frost Insulator)
Ironworker - Generalist
Ironworker - Reinforcing
Lather (Wall and Ceiling Installer)
Locksmith
Machinist
Marine Mechanical Technician
Marine Service Technician
Meatcutter
Metal Fabricator (Fitter)
Mobile Crane Operator
Mobile Crane Operator Hydraulic -
80 Tonnes and Under
Motor Vehicle Body Repairer
Motorcycle Mechanic
(Motorcycle and Power Equipment Technician)
Painter and Decorator
Partsperson
Piledriver and Bridgeworker
Plumber
Power Line Technician

Recreation Vehicle Service Technician
Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic
(Refrigeration Mechanic)
Residential Building Maintenance Worker
Residential Steep Roofer
Roofer
Saw Filer
Security Systems Technician
Sheet Metal Worker
Sprinkler Fitter
Steamfitter/Pipefitter
Tiler
Tower Crane Operator
Transport Trailer Technician
Truck and Transport Mechanic
Utility Arborist
Water Well Driller
Welder

This list is current as of February 2020.



The Red Seal Endorsement is the Canadian standard of excellence for skilled trades. The endorsement sets common standards to assess the skills of tradespersons across Canada and the qualification is recognized anywhere in Canada.

About the Industry Training Authority (ITA)

ITA works with employers, employees, industry, labour, training providers and government to issue credentials, manage apprenticeships, set program standards, and increase opportunities in the trades in BC.

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