



## Occupation Description

A Machinist is someone who turns blocks of metal into complex, intricate metal parts for other products. They fit and assemble metal parts and sub-assemblies, ensuring the parts in these products meet exacting standards in size, strength and hardness. A Machinist sets up and operates all machine tools such as Lathes, Milling Machines Saws, Grinding Machines, Drilling and Boring Machines, Shapers, Planers, Precision Measuring tools, Hand and Power tools, and the related attachments and accessories, including C.N.C. machining, selection, use and maintenance of cutting tools.

For detailed information on the scope of knowledge and skills taught and assessed in this program refer to the Program Outline, available on the ITA website.

## Pathways to Certification

In BC, an individual can become certified as a Machinist by completing the Machinist program or by challenging the certification. Apprenticeship programs are for individuals who have an employer to sponsor them and challenge programs are for individuals who have extensive experience working in the occupation and wish to challenge the certification.

Youth can begin an apprenticeship in high school through the Youth Train in Trades or Youth Work in Trades programs. The Youth Work in Trades program is available for any trade if an employer is willing to sponsor the student. Trades offered through the Youth Train in Trades vary by region; contact your local school district to find out which technical training programs are being offered through the Youth Train in Trades program in your region.

Foundation programs, where available, provide adults and youth who do not have work experience or employer sponsorship with an opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills needed to enter the occupation. Individuals who wish to enroll in a Foundation program must register directly with the training provider.

## Recommended Education

The following education is recommended for apprentices entering this occupation. These are not prerequisites, but rather a desired level of skill or knowledge that will contribute to success in the industry.

- Grade 10 or equivalent including English 10, Math 10, and Science 10
- Grade 12 preferred

## ITA Registration

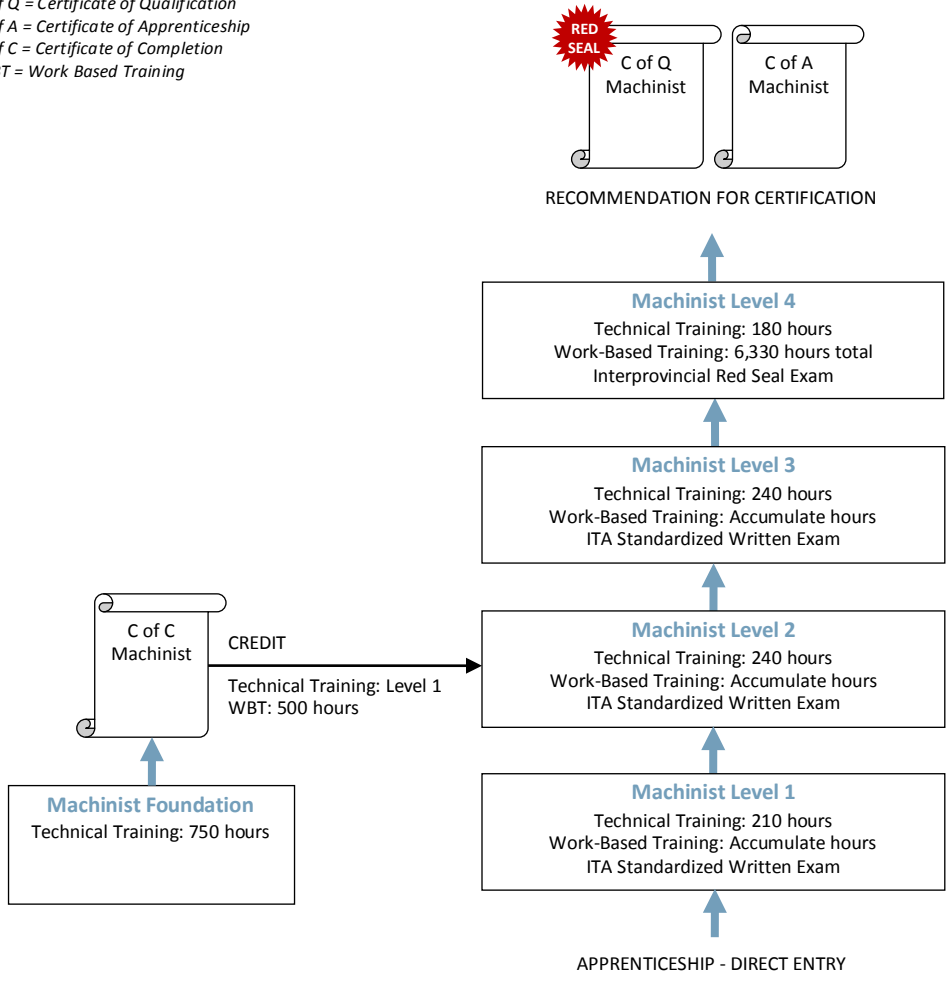
Individuals who wish to begin an apprenticeship in this program must register with ITA along with their sponsor. Application forms for all programs are available from the ITA website. Online registration is also available for most programs through the ITA website.

Those who wish to challenge the Machinist certification must complete the Machinist Challenge Application and submit it to ITA. Challenge applications are assessed for proof of workplace hours and scope of experience prior to acceptance of the individual into the Challenge pathway.

## Apprenticeship Pathway

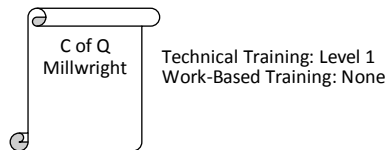
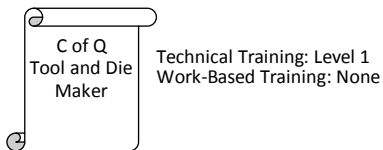
This graphic provides an overview of the Machinist apprenticeship pathway.

*C of Q = Certificate of Qualification*  
*C of A = Certificate of Apprenticeship*  
*C of C = Certificate of Completion*  
*WBT = Work Based Training*



### CROSS-PROGRAM CREDITS

Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are entitled to receive partial credit toward the completion requirements of this program





### Apprenticeship Program Standards

<b>Credentials Awarded</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Machinist – Certificate of Qualification with Interprovincial Red Seal endorsement</li> <li>▪ Machinist – Certificate of Apprenticeship</li> </ul>										
<b>ITA Registration Prerequisites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Agreement signed by the employer to sponsor the apprentice</li> </ul>										
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<b>Program Duration</b>	<p>Duration varies depending on how training is delivered, but the program generally takes 4 years to complete.</p> <p>The technical training requirement is typically met through block-release training (full-time, at school) delivered by an ITA-approved training provider. It can also be met through approved alternative training models (e.g., distance education, online, part-time) and/or level challenge where these options are available.</p>										
<b>Sign-off Authority</b>	<p>Credentials eligible to sign-off on the Recommendation for Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Machinist – Certificate of Qualification</li> <li>▪ Machinist – Interprovincial Red Seal endorsement</li> <li>▪ Tool and Die Maker – Certificate of Qualification</li> <li>▪ Tool and Die Maker – Interprovincial Red Seal endorsement</li> <li>▪ ITA-issued letter authorizing supervision and sign-off of apprentices in this occupation</li> </ul>										
<b>Challenging a Level</b>	<p>The following levels of technical training can be challenged for advanced placement in this program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Level 1 (<i>when implemented</i>)</li> <li>▪ Level 2 (<i>when implemented</i>)</li> <li>▪ Level 3 (<i>when implemented</i>)</li> </ul>										



**Apprenticeship Program Standards**

**Cross-Program Credits**

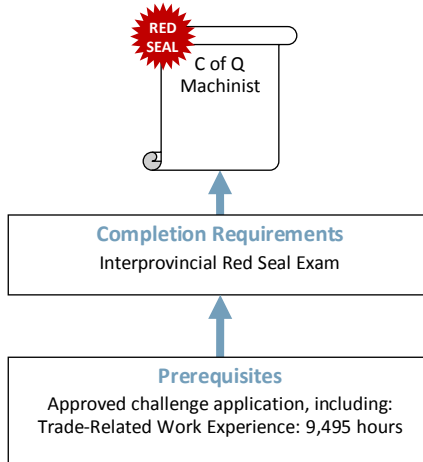
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Credential	Credit(s) Granted
Tool and Die Maker – Certificate of Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Technical Training: Level 1</li><li>▪ Work-Based Training: None</li></ul>
Millwright – Certificate of Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Technical Training: Level 1</li><li>▪ Work-Based Training: None</li></ul>

## Challenge Pathway

This graphic provides an overview of the Machinist challenge pathway.

*C of Q = Certificate of Qualification*



### CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING

*Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are considered to have met or partially met the prerequisites for challenging this program*

Military certificate in Marine Engineer MT #367 / Marine Engineering Technician MT #313, QL5 or higher	Work Experience: 9,495 hours
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## Challenge Program Standards

### Credentials Awarded

Machinist – Certificate of Qualification with Red Seal endorsement

### ITA Registration Prerequisites

An approved Challenge Application, which includes:

- 9,495 documented hours of directly related experience working in the occupation

### Credit for Prior Learning

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#### Credential

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Military certificate in Marine Engineer MT #367 / Marine Engineering Technician MT #313, QL5 or higher

- Work Experience: 9,495 hours
- Approved Challenge Application

### Completion Requirements

Certification as a Machinist is awarded upon successful completion of:

#### Requirement

#### Level of Achievement Required

Interprovincial Red Seal Exam

- Minimum 70%



## Foundation Program

Refer to the Apprenticeship pathway diagram for this program to see how the Machinist Foundation program fits into apprenticeship.

### Foundation Program Standards

<b>Credentials Awarded</b>	Machinist – Certificate of Completion				
<b>Enrollment Prerequisites</b>	Contact training provider. Prerequisites vary between training institutions				
<b>Completion Requirements</b>	<p>A Certificate of Completion in this program is awarded upon successful completion of:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%; text-align: left;">Requirement</th> <th style="width: 50%; text-align: left;">Level of Achievement Required</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Technical Training</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Minimum 70%</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Requirement	Level of Achievement Required	Technical Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Minimum 70%</li> </ul>
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<b>Program Duration</b>	Duration varies depending on how training is delivered, but program generally takes 750 hours to complete.				
<b>Credit toward Apprenticeship</b>	<p>Individuals who complete the Machinist Foundation program will receive the following credit toward completion of the Red Seal (Machinist) apprenticeship program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Technical Training: Level 1</li> <li>▪ Work-Based Training: 500 hours</li> </ul>				



## Supporting Documents

Machinist Program Outline (2019) – Defines the full scope of knowledge and skills required to competently perform the occupation in BC. Available from the ITA website.

Machinist Red Seal Occupational Standard (2017) – Prepared by industry experts, under the guidance of the federal government, for Red Seal trades to define the national standard of competence for the trade. Available from the Red Seal website: [www.red-seal.ca](http://www.red-seal.ca).

## Contacts

The **Industry Training Authority** (ITA) manages B.C.'s industry training and apprenticeship programs. Contact ITA Customer service if you have any questions regarding registration, examinations or certification for this program.

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