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YOUR TICKET
TO A CAREER YOU LOVE.

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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 and much more - the opportunities are endless.

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 to turn ideas in your head 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. ITA can help you find your 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.

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 will spend approximately three to ten weeks per year in a classroom or shop learning from an instructor. The rest of the year, you'll earn while you learn, working on a job site alongside experienced tradespeople and getting paid to do it.

Most apprenticeships take about four years to complete. Yours might be a bit longer or shorter, depending on your trade and how much you work. 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 anywhere in Canada.

| TYPICAL TRADE APPRENTICESHIP | YEAR 1 | YEAR 2 | YEAR 3 | YEAR 4 | CERTIFICATION EXAM | Certificate of Qualification "Ticket" is recognized anywhere in BC (and maybe other provinces too, depending on the trade) OR Red Seal is recognized anywhere in Canada (If your trade is one of 50 Red Seal trades) |
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| 20% CLASSROOM TRAINING In a classroom or shop at a university, college or private institution | Level 1 (6-10 weeks) | Level 2 (6-10 weeks) | Level 3 (6-10 weeks) | Level 4 (6-10 weeks) | | |
| 80% PRACTICAL TRAINING On a job site, working alongside experienced tradespeople in your field | 1,500 TO 1,740 HOURS (40-43 weeks) | 1,500 TO 1,740 HOURS (40-44 weeks) | 1,500 TO 1,740 HOURS (40-44 weeks) | 1,500 TO 1,740 HOURS (40-44 weeks) | | |

See full list of trades 

HOW DO YOU GET STARTED?

No matter how young or old you are or how much or little you know about the trades, there is a path for you. The first step is to determine what trade you want to pursue. With over 100 trade occupations to choose from, it can be overwhelming but ITA has youth programs that allow you to explore the trades while you're still in high school

(itabc.ca/youth/programs) and many training providers offer foundation programs (itabc.ca/get-job-ready/foundation-programs) to test out a trade before you fully commit. Or you may want to go straight into an apprenticeship pathway with an employer sponsor (itabc.ca/overview/apply-apprenticeship).

Find the right trade for you:

Aircraft Maintenance Technician
Aircraft Structural Technician
Appliance Service 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 - Stiff Boom Unlimited Tonnage
Boom Truck Operator: Folding Boom Unlimited Tonnage
Bricklayer (Mason)
Cabinet Maker (Joiner)
Carpenter
Climbing Arborist
Concrete Finisher
Construction Craft Worker
Cook (Professional Cook 3)
Dairy Production Technician 1
Dairy Production Technician 2
Diesel Engine Mechanic
Drywall Finisher
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 - Reinforcing
Ironworker Generalist
Lather (Wall and Ceiling Installer)
Machinist
Marine Mechanical Technician
Marine Service Technician
Meatcutter
Metal Fabricator (Fitter)
Mobile Crane Operator Hydraulic 80 Tonnes and Under
Mobile Crane Operator
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 Steep Roofer
Rig Technician
Roofer

Saw Filer
Security Systems Technician
Sheet Metal Worker
Sprinkler Fitter
Steamfitter/Pipefitter
Tiler
Tool and Die Maker
Tower Crane Operator
Transport Trailer Technician
Truck and Transport Mechanic
Utility Arborist
Welder

Red Seal

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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