

SKILLED TRADES^{BC}



Your ticket to a *career you love*

A career in the skilled trades is engaging and fulfilling. The opportunities are vast, the demand is strong—and the rewards are great.

What is a skilled trade?

A skilled trade is an occupation that requires a particular skillset, knowledge base or ability. You see the evidence of skilled trades every day—when you walk into a building, drive down the road, go to a restaurant, or simply turn on a light. And with over 100 trades to choose from in B.C., there’s something for everyone.

What is a trade apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a combination of on-the-job training and classroom learning that leads to a trade credential. You can be an apprentice during or after high school, and most apprenticeships take about four years to complete. For 6 to 10 weeks every year, you’ll be in a training facility; the rest of the time you’ll be learning on the job. Once you complete your apprenticeship and receive your ticket, you’ll be qualified to work in a skilled trade.

WHY JOIN THE TRADES?

100+

TRADES TO CHOOSE FROM

PAID TRAINING

**80% on-the-job,
20% in class**

Satisfying career

FLEXIBLE, HANDS-ON

STRONG JOB DEMAND

**Up to 85,000 new
jobs in B.C. by 2031**

TYPICAL TRADE APPRENTICESHIP	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	CERTIFICATION EXAM
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	Certificate of Qualification 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 on the 50 Red Seal trades)
80% PRACTICAL TRAINING On a job site, working alongside experienced tradespeople in your field	1500 TO 1740 HRS 40-44 WEEKS				

Discover the *right trade* for you

While it can seem daunting to choose a trade, we're here to help! To get started, view the list below, which shows trade programs available in B.C. To learn more about a specific trade, visit skilledtradesbc.ca/programs to read the full profile, including the pathway to certification and specific requirements.

Aircraft Maintenance Technician
Appliance Service Technician
Arborist Technician
Architectural Sheet Metal Worker
Asphalt Paving/Laydown Technician
Auto Body and Collision Technician
Automotive Glass Technician
Automotive Refinishing Technician
Automotive Service Technician
Baker
Boilermaker
Boilermaker Endorsement: Marine Fitter
Boom Truck Operator - Folding Boom
Boom Truck Operator - Stiff Boom
Bricklayer
Cabinet Maker
Carpenter
Climbing Arborist
Concrete Finisher
Construction Craft Worker
Cook
Diesel Engine Mechanic
Drywall Finisher
Electrician, Construction
Electrician, Industrial
Electrician Endorsement: Marine
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
Instrumentation and Control Technician

Insulator
Ironworker - Generalist
Ironworker - Reinforcing
Landscape Horticulturist
Lather
Locksmith
Machinist
Marine Mechanical Technician
Marine Service Technician
Meatcutter
Metal Fabricator
Metal Fabricator Endorsement: Marine Fitter
Mobile Crane Operator
Mobile Crane Operator - Under 80 Tonnes
Motorcycle Technician
Painter and Decorator
Partsperson
Piledriver and Bridgeworker
Plumber
Powerline Technician
Recreation Vehicle Service Technician
Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic
Residential Building Maintenance Worker
Residential Steep Roofer
Roofer
Saw Filer
Saw Filer Endorsement: Benchperson
Security Systems Technician
Sheet Metal Worker
Sprinkler Fitter
Steamfitter/Pipefitter
Tilesetter
Tower Crane Operator
Transport Trailer Technician
Truck and Transport Mechanic
Utility Arborist
Water Well Driller
Welder
Welder Endorsement: Multi-Process Alloy



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

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Registered apprentices may be eligible for the following financial support:

WORKBC APPRENTICE SERVICES

—temporary financial support during in-school portion of training.

GRANTS

—cash grants for Red Seal apprentices of up to \$2000 and \$2500 for completion.

TAX CREDITS

—income tax credits from the B.C. government.

CANADA APPRENTICE LOAN

—interest-free loans to help with the cost of training.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

—temporary support while attending approved training.

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ABOUT SKILLEDTRADESBC

SkilledTradesBC is the organization that advances British Columbia's trades training system. We are building the most diverse and sustainable workforce in Canada by supporting equitable access to skilled trades and helping British Columbians unlock their potential—creating a world-class workforce, one career journey at a time.

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