

SKILLED TRADES  
*Certification*

SKILLEDTRADES<sup>BC</sup>

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.

Our role is to oversee BC's skilled trades system which includes raising the profile of skilled trades, modernizing our approach to trades training, and implementing Skilled Trades Certification.



## CONTACT US

If you are an uncertified worker or an employer in one of the Skilled Trades Certification trades, contact our customer support team to see whether you're already on track or to get on the pathway to certification today.

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*Skilled  
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## What is *Skilled Trades Certification*?

Skilled Trades Certification is commonly referred to as mandatory or compulsory trades across Canada. Under Skilled Trades Certification, uncertified workers in selected trades will have a one-year transition period to get registered as an apprentice or become a certified journeyperson.

With more than  
**85,000**  
*job openings*  
expected in the next decade,  
there has never been a better  
time to join the skilled trades.

British Columbia's future economy depends on having more skilled trades people, from diverse backgrounds, building the province of tomorrow.

For more info, visit  
[SkilledTradesBC.ca](https://www.SkilledTradesBC.ca)

## Why is it *important*?

While British Columbia has a strong and effective trades training system that offers multiple pathways for individuals to achieve certification, it has not had a mandatory trades certification system for two decades. Skilled Trades Certification will:

- Formally recognize the skills of current and future trades workers
- Boost prestige for the trades
- Help to draw more people to trades careers and keep them working as the industry's needs shift over time

## When and how will it be *implemented*?

Implementation is currently underway, starting with seven electrical and mechanical trades—**construction electrician, industrial electrician, powerline technician, refrigeration & air conditioning mechanic, gasfitter A & B, steamfitter/pipefitter and sheet metal worker.**

Each trade has a one-year transition period from December 1, 2022, which will allow uncertified workers to register as an apprentice or become certified by challenging a certification exam.

Employers can prepare for implementation by ensuring workers are registered apprentices or certified journeyperson and making any adjustments necessary to ensure their successful transition to Skilled Trades Certification.

Three additional automotive trades will be introduced as Skilled Trades Certification trades in 2024 and will also have one year to transition once announced.