



CONSTRUCTION CRAFT WORKER

Occupation Description

A Construction Craft Worker works mostly on construction sites in residential, institutional, commercial, and industrial settings, including pipelines, utilities, hydroelectric dams, roadways, bridges, tunnels, shipyards, mining and railways. Construction Craft Worker tasks include site preparation and cleanup, setting up and removing access equipment, and assisting on concrete, masonry, steel, wood and pre-cast erection projects. They handle materials and equipment and perform demolition, excavation and compaction activities. They may also perform site safety and security checks.

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

Pathways to Certification

In BC, an individual can become certified as a Construction Craft Worker by completing the Construction Craft Worker 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.

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, Mathematics 10 and Science 10

SkilledTradesBC Registration

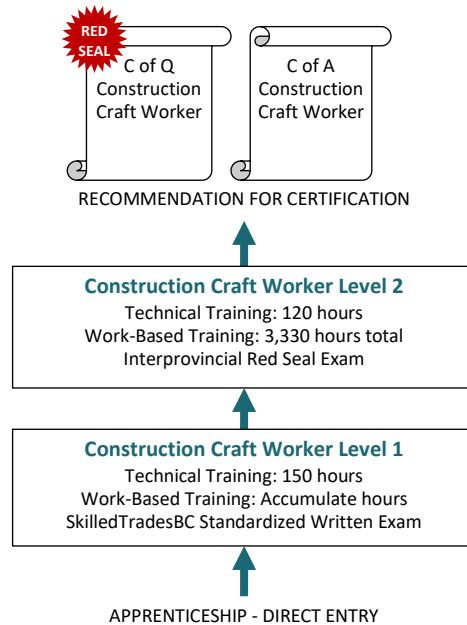
Individuals who wish to begin an apprenticeship in this program must register with SkilledTradesBC along with their sponsor. Application forms for all programs are available from the SkilledTradesBC website. Online registration is also available for most programs through the SkilledTradesBC website.

Those who wish to challenge the Construction Craft Worker certification must complete the Construction Craft Worker Challenge Application and submit it to SkilledTradesBC. 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 Construction Craft Worker apprenticeship pathway.

*C of Q = Certificate of Qualification
C of A = Certificate of Apprenticeship*



CROSS-PROGRAM CREDITS

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

None

Apprenticeship Program Standards

Credentials Awarded

- Construction Craft Worker – Certificate of Qualification with Interprovincial Red Seal endorsement
- Construction Craft Worker – Certificate of Apprenticeship

SkilledTradesBC Registration Prerequisites

- Agreement signed by the employer to sponsor the apprentice

Completion Requirements

Certification as a Construction Craft Worker is awarded upon successful completion of:

Requirement	Level of Achievement Required
Technical Training	Minimum 70% in each level of technical training: - Level 1: 150 hours and SkilledTradesBC Standardized Written Exam - Level 2: 120 hours
Interprovincial Red Seal Exam	Minimum 70%
Work-Based Training	3,330 hours
Recommendation for Certification	Recommendation for certification signed by the Sponsor and an individual holding credentials eligible for sign-off authority

Program Duration

Duration varies depending on how training is delivered, but the program generally takes 2 years to complete.

The technical training requirement is typically met through block-release training (full-time, at school) delivered by a SkilledTradesBC-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.

Sign-off Authority

Credentials eligible to sign-off on the Recommendation for Certification:

- Construction Craft Worker – Certificate of Qualification
- Construction Craft Worker – Interprovincial Red Seal endorsement
- Carpenter – Certificate of Qualification
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- SkilledTradesBC-issued letter authorizing supervision and sign-off of apprentices in this occupation

Challenging a Level

The following levels of technical training can be challenged for advanced placement in this program

- Level 1

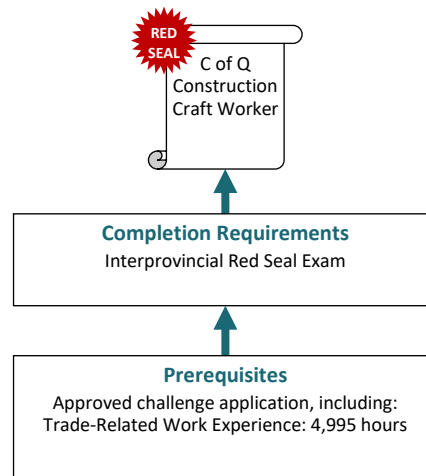
Cross-Program Credits

No cross program credits have been identified for this trade.

Challenge Pathway

This graphic provides an overview of the Construction Craft Worker challenge pathway.

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CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING

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

None

Challenge Program Standards

Credentials Awarded

Construction Craft Worker – Certificate of Qualification with Interprovincial Red Seal endorsement

SkilledTradesBC

Registration Prerequisites

An approved Challenge Application, which includes:

- 4,995 documented hours of directly related experience working in the occupation

Credit for Prior Learning

No prior learning credits have been identified for this trade

Completion Requirements

Certification as a Construction Craft Worker is awarded upon successful completion of:

Requirement

Interprovincial Red Seal Exam

Level of Achievement Required

- Minimum 70%



Supporting Documents

Construction Craft Worker Program Outline (2027) – Defines the full scope of knowledge and skills required to competently perform the occupation in BC. Available from the SkilledTradesBC website.

Construction Craft Worker Red Seal Occupational Standard (2025) – 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.

Contacts

SkilledTradesBC manages BC's industry training and apprenticeship programs. Contact SkilledTradesBC Customer service if you have any questions regarding registration, examinations or certification for this program.

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