

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE WORKER

Occupation Description

A Residential Building Maintenance Worker means a person who maintains and repairs buildings (single family unit, multi-unit low-rise and high-rise) including minor carpentry, drywall, electrical, flooring, painting, plumbing, refrigeration and ventilation, and roofing repairs, maintenance, inspections, testing and problem-identification; and including the same for simple commercial, institutional and mixed-use buildings, within BC Safety Authority and WCB regulations.

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 Residential Building Maintenance Worker by completing the Residential Building Maintenance 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 and Mathematics 10

SkilledTradesBC Registration

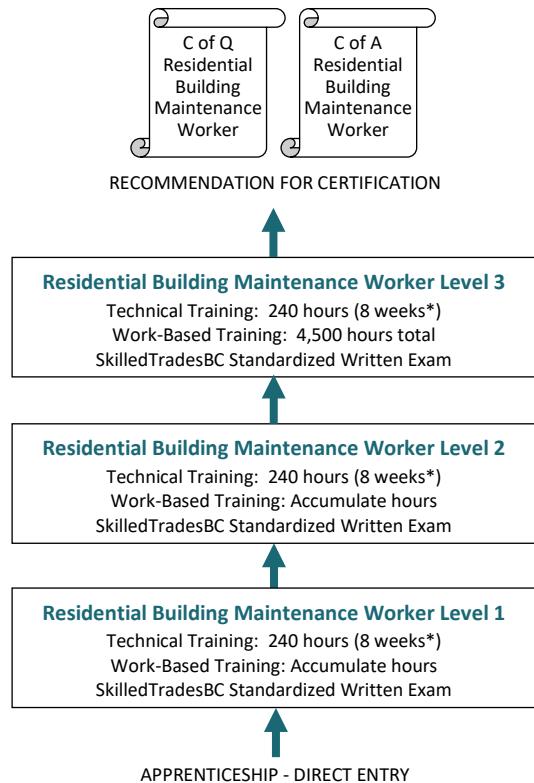
Individuals who wish to begin an apprenticeship in this program must register with SkilledTradesBC along with their sponsor. Application forms for all programs are available from the SkilledTradesBC website. Online registration is also available for most programs through the SkilledTradesBC website.

Those who wish to challenge the Residential Building Maintenance Worker certification must complete the Residential Building Maintenance 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 Residential Building Maintenance Worker apprenticeship pathway.

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



**Suggested duration based on 30-hour week*

CROSS-PROGRAM CREDITS

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

None

Apprenticeship Program Standards

Credentials Awarded

- Residential Building Maintenance Worker – Certificate of Qualification
- Residential Building Maintenance Worker – Certificate of Apprenticeship

SkilledTradesBC Registration Prerequisites

- Agreement signed by the employer to sponsor the apprentice

Completion Requirements Certification as a Residential Building Maintenance Worker is awarded upon successful completion of:

Requirement

Technical Training

Level of Achievement Required

Minimum 70% in each level of technical training:

- Level 1: 240 hours (or 8 weeks*) and SkilledTradesBC standardized written exam
- Level 2: 240 hours (or 8 weeks*) and SkilledTradesBC standardized written exam
- Level 3: 240 hours (or 8 weeks*) and SkilledTradesBC standardized written exam

Work-Based Training

- 4,500 hours

Recommendation for Certification

- Recommendation for certification signed by the Sponsor and an individual holding credentials eligible for sign-off authority

(*Assuming 30 hours in school per week)

Program Duration

Duration varies depending on how training is delivered, but the program generally takes three 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:

- Residential Building Maintenance Worker – Certificate of Qualification
- 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
- Level 2

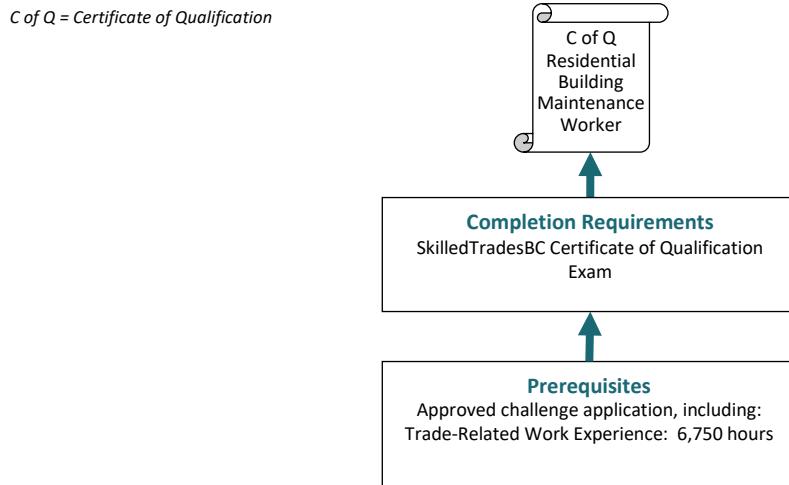
Cross-Program Credits

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Challenge Pathway

This graphic provides an overview of the Residential Building Maintenance Worker challenge pathway.



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	Residential Building Maintenance Worker – Certificate of Qualification				
SkilledTradesBC	An approved Challenge Application, which includes:				
Registration Prerequisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 6,750 documented hours of directly related experience working in the occupation				
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ None				
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Supporting Documents

Residential Building Maintenance Worker Program Outline (2009) – Defines the full scope of knowledge and skills required to competently perform the occupation in BC. Available from the SkilledTradesBC website.

Contacts

SkilledTradesBC manages B.C.'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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