

LOCKSMITH

Occupation Description

“Locksmith” means a person who repairs, services, or installs all types of keys, locks, and access/egress control systems (mechanical or electrical), and builders of lock hardware, in accordance with the provisions of the Security Services Act. The Security Services Act is administered by Security Programs Division, Policing and Security Branch, in the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

Most locksmiths working in B.C. require a security licence. For more information about the security industry in B.C., and to explore licensing requirements, please [visit Security Program Division’s website](#).

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 Locksmith by completing the Locksmith 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 pre-requisites, but rather a desired level of skill or knowledge that will contribute to success in the industry.

- Grade 10 or equivalent
- Preferred: Grade 12

SkilledTradesBC Registration

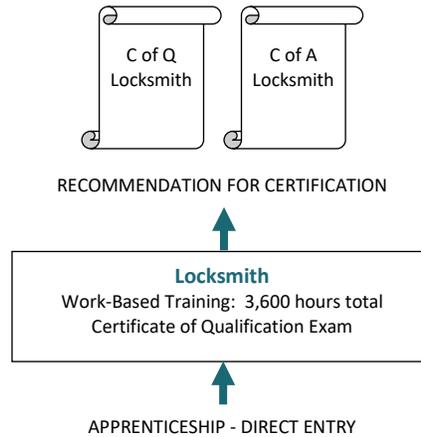
Individuals who wish to begin an apprenticeship in this program must register with SkilledTradesBC along with their sponsor. Application forms are available from the SkilledTradesBC website. Online registration is also available for most programs through the SkilledTradesBC website.

Those who wish to challenge the Locksmith certification must complete the Locksmith 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 Locksmith 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

- Locksmith - Certificate of Qualification
- Locksmith - Certificate of Apprenticeship

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Registration Prerequisites

- Agreement signed by the employer to sponsor the apprentice

Completion Requirements

Certification as a Locksmith is awarded upon successful completion of:

Requirement	Level of Achievement Required
▪ Work-based Training	▪ 3,600 hours
▪ SkilledTradesBC Certificate of Qualification Exam	▪ Minimum 70%
▪ Recommendation for Certification	▪ Recommendation for certification signed by the Sponsor and an individual holding credentials eligible for sign-off authority

Program Duration

There is no technical training requirement for this program, but the work-based training generally takes 2 years to complete.

Sign-off Authority

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

- Locksmith Certificate of Qualification

Challenging a Level

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

- None

Cross-Program Credits

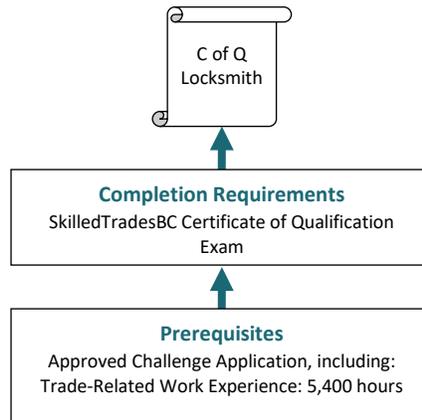
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None	

Challenge Pathway

This graphic provides an overview of the Locksmith challenge pathway.

C of Q = Certificate of Qualification



Challenge Program Standards

Credentials Awarded	Locksmith - Certificate of Qualification				
SkilledTradesBC Registration Prerequisites	An approved Challenge Application, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5,400 documented hours of directly related experience working in the occupation ▪ Evidence of achievement of required competencies 				
Credit for Prior Learning	Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are considered to have met the prerequisites for challenging this program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Credential</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Credit(s) Granted</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>None</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Credential	Credit(s) Granted	None	
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Supporting Documents

Locksmith Program Outline (2011) – 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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