

SKILLED TRADES BC



The path to your *dream career.*

A career in the skilled trades is engaging and fulfilling. There are plenty of opportunities, the demand is strong—and the rewards are great.

What is a skilled trade?

A skilled trade is a career 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. With nearly 90 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 skilled trades certification. You can be an apprentice during or after high school.

A typical apprenticeship is four years and each level will include 6-10 weeks of classroom training and 1500-1740 hours of on-the-job training.

After completing your work-based and classroom training hours and successfully passing your exam, you'll receive your Certificate of Qualification (CofQ) or Red Seal. Upon certification, you become a journey person with a strong foundation for a lifelong career and endless opportunities.



WHY JOIN THE TRADES



Nearly **90** trades to choose from.



EARN WHILE YOU LEARN.

20% in class.
80% on-the-job.



STRONG JOB DEMAND.

Over **83,000** job openings in the next decade.



Career growth and high earning potential.



START YOUR JOURNEY HERE.



Discover the *right*
trade for you.



Take the quiz! Select your top 5 skills and discover the best skilled trade for you.

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

Parts Technician

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

Tilessetter

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**

**WORKBC APPRENTICE
SERVICES.**

Temporary support during in-school training.

GRANTS.

Cash grants for Red Seal apprentices.

TAX CREDITS.

Income tax credits.

CANADA APPRENTICE LOAN.

Interest-free loans.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.

Financial support while attending technical training.



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SUPPORTS.

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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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