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85% work-based training
+ 15% in-school technical training
= Apprenticeship industry training program

An apprentice in an industry training program works under the supervision of a certified tradesperson and is **paid to learn on the job**.

At the same time, an apprentice works **towards a provincially and/or nationally recognized credential** through a combination of work-based training and classroom training at a college or technical school.

Industry training programs take about four years to complete, depending on the trade you choose.

There are more than 100 industry training programs in BC



What is a Red Seal?

The Red Seal Program provides a standardized national credential in about 45 different trades. If you are an apprentice in one of these trades, the final exam is a Red Seal exam (sometimes called an interprovincial exam) and successful apprentices receive their trade certification with a Red Seal endorsement.

A Red Seal credential allows you to work anywhere in Canada. [Although we'd rather you stay in BC.]

To find out which BC trades are part of the Red Seal credential program, check out the ITA web site at www.itabca.ca.

GO! GO!

Get Your Trade Credential And You're On Your Way

Look inside and select the route to trade certification that is right for you

Get your trade credential and you'll never look back

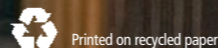
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WHY

As a certified tradesperson, you have a ticket to success~

- Earn an above-average income
- Prove you have the skills employers want – an advantage for getting the job that is right for you
- Set yourself up for future opportunities that may include advancement within your job or owning your own business
- Open up job opportunities in British Columbia and often across the country

Go for it!



Select the route to trade certification that is right for you



Check off the boxes that apply to you and map out your future.

DIRECT ENTRY

With a sponsor employer in a chosen trade, you are ready to start your training.

- I have finished high school
- I know which trade I want to pursue
- I have an employer to sponsor me

This is the BEST most direct route towards a trade credential for out-of-school tradespeople

WHAT NEXT?

Register with the Industry Training Authority (ITA) - along with your employer.

Most of your training is on-the-job, so you are getting paid. The classroom training consists of four to eight weeks of specialized technical courses per year.

CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING

Been there; done that. Get credit.

- I am working in my trade. Now I want to register as an apprentice and get credit for the hours and/or training I have already completed
- I have worked in my trade for many years and I'd like to receive my certification based on my extensive training and experience

WHAT NEXT?

Since you have experience in your trade or industry occupation, you may be eligible to become certified in a shorter period of time than if you were new to the industry.

Your training and skills can be assessed to determine if credit can be applied towards your apprenticeship. Specific information and documentation is required before an assessment can be done. Contact the ITA to find out details through customerservice@itabc.ca.

If you are a tradesperson with many years of experience and training, you may already be qualified to challenge the certification exam. To download the required package, select your trade from the ITA web site.



Visit www.itabc.ca for more information



FOUNDATION PROGRAM

A pre-apprentice program provides you with basic knowledge plus credit towards your credential.

- I prefer to learn some basic trade skills before I look for a sponsor employer
- I want to start earning credit towards level one technical training

Before choosing this route, check with some prospective employers in your industry to see if this is the right program to advance your career.

WHAT NEXT?

A foundation program is a pre-apprentice program that provides a good grounding in the knowledge and skills needed for your trade and, at the same time, credit for your level one technical training. Students who complete a foundation program receive a Certificate of Completion.

Public colleges throughout BC offer foundation programs which take several months to complete. Foundation programs used to be called Entry Level Trades Training (ELTT). ITA's web site lists the foundation programs and links you to more information.



HIGH SCHOOL INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM

Jump-start your trade career plus get credit towards your high school diploma.

- I am currently in high school
- I am interested in jump-starting a trade career and getting high school credit at the same time

WHAT NEXT?

By registering in high school industry training programs you get BOTH high school credit towards your diploma AND credit towards your trade credential.

The program names are SSA (Secondary School Apprenticeship) which is work-based training and ACE IT (Accelerated Credit Enrollment in Industry Training) which is classroom-based training. Ask your career counsellor or your tech-ed teacher about industry training programs.

