

AUTOMOTIVE PAINTER (AUTOMOTIVE REFINISHING TECHNICIAN)

Occupation Description

Automotive Painters (Automotive Refinishing Technicians) work on the surfaces of motor vehicles, primarily in restoring vehicle finishes once body work has been completed. Some of the duties that an Automotive Painter completes include: removing layers of sub-coating; matching colours and mixing paints; preparing metal surfaces for painting by spot filling, sanding, and masking; applying primers, primer surfacers, colour coats, and clearcoats; and cleaning and polishing painted surfaces including removing and replacing decals.

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

Pathways to Certification

In BC, an individual can become certified as an Automotive Painter (Automotive Refinishing Technician) by completing the Automotive Painter (Automotive Refinishing Technician) 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.

Recommended and/or Required 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, Math 10, and Science 10
- Preferred: Grade 12

ITA Registration

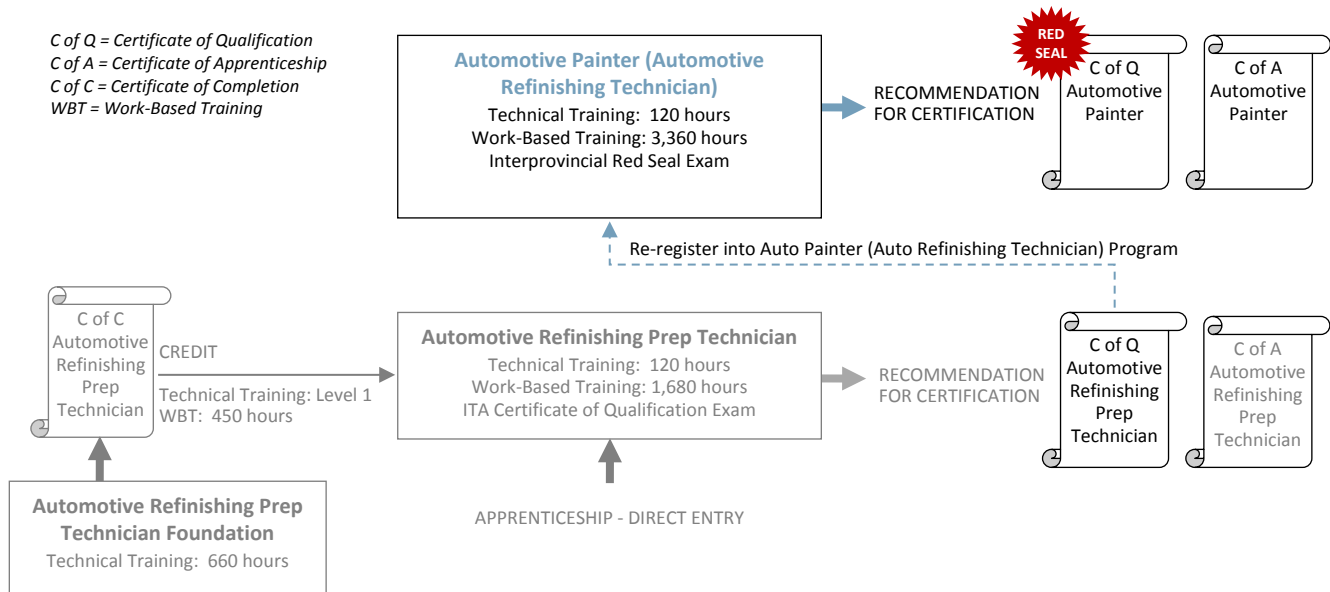
Individuals who wish to begin an apprenticeship in this program must register with ITA along with their sponsor. Application forms for all programs are available from the ITA website. Online registration is also available for most programs through the ITA website.

Note that apprentices holding Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician certification who wish to achieve Automotive Painter (Automotive Refinishing Technician) certification must re-register as an apprentice in the Automotive Painter (Automotive Refinishing Technician) apprenticeship program.

Those who wish to challenge the Automotive Painter (Automotive Refinishing Technician) certification must complete the Automotive Painter (Automotive Refinishing Technician) Challenge Application and submit it to ITA. Challenge applications are assessed for proof of workplace hours and scope of experience prior to acceptance of the individual into the Challenge pathway. Note that Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician certification is not required in order to challenge the Automotive Painter (Automotive Refinishing Technician) certification.

Apprenticeship Pathway

This graphic provides an overview of the Automotive Painter (Automotive Refinishing Technician) apprenticeship pathway.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Automotive Painter (Automotive Refinishing Technician) – Certificate of Qualification with Interprovincial Red Seal endorsement ▪ Automotive Painter (Automotive Refinishing Technician) – Certificate of Apprenticeship
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ITA Registration Prerequisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agreement signed by the employer to sponsor the apprentice ▪ Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician – Certificate of Qualification
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Completion Requirements	<p>Certification as an Automotive Refinishing Technician is awarded upon successful completion of the requirements listed below.</p> <p>Note: Apprentices must complete the requirements for Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician before continuing onto Automotive Painter (Automotive Refinishing Technician).</p>
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Requirement	Level of Achievement Required
Successful completion of Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician – Certificate of Qualification
Technical Training	Minimum 70% in technical training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 120 hours
Interprovincial Red Seal Exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minimum 70%
Work-Based Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3,360 hours
Recommendation for Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recommendation for Certification signed by the Sponsor and an individual holding credentials eligible for sign-off authority

Program Duration	<p>Duration varies depending on how training is delivered, but the program generally takes 2 years to complete.</p> <p>The technical training requirement is typically met through block-release training (full-time, at school) delivered by an ITA-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.</p>
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Sign-off Authority	<p>Credentials eligible to sign-off on the Recommendation for Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Automotive Refinishing Technician – Certificate of Qualification ▪ Automotive Painter – Interprovincial Red Seal endorsement ▪ Automotive Collision Repair Technician – Certificate of Qualification ▪ Motor Vehicle Body Repairer (Metal and Paint) – Interprovincial Red Seal endorsement ▪ ITA-issued letter authorizing supervision and sign-off of apprentices in this occupation
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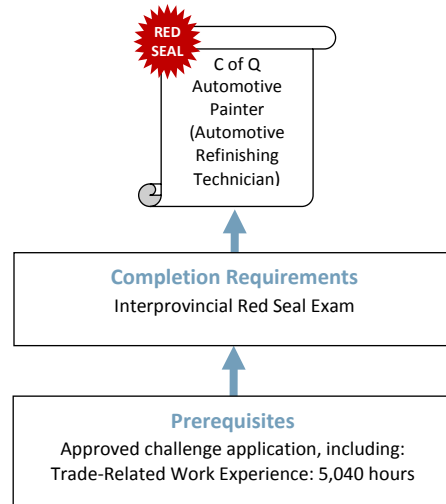
Challenging a Level	<p>The following levels of technical training can be challenged for advanced placement in this program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None
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Cross-Program Credits	<p>Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are entitled to receive partial credit toward the completion requirements of Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician.</p> <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Credential	Credit(s) Granted	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None
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Challenge Pathway

This graphic provides an overview of the Automotive Painter (Automotive Refinishing Technician) challenge pathway.

C of Q = Certificate of Qualification



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 Automotive Painter (Automotive Refinishing Technician) – Certificate of Qualification with Interprovincial Red Seal endorsement

ITA Registration Prerequisites An approved Challenge Application, which includes:

- 5,040 documented hours of directly related experience working in the occupation

Note: Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician certification is not a prerequisite to challenge the Automotive Painter (Automotive Refinishing Technician) certification.

Credentials Entitled to Challenge Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are considered to have met the prerequisites for challenging this program

- None

Completion Requirements Certification as an Automotive Painter (Automotive Refinishing Technician) is awarded upon successful completion of:

Requirement	Level of Achievement Required
Interprovincial Red Seal Exam	▪ Minimum 70%

Supporting Documents

Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician and Automotive Painter (Automotive Refinishing Technician) Program Outline (2016) – Defines the full scope of knowledge and skills required to competently perform the occupation in BC. It is available from the ITA website.

Automotive Painter National Occupational Analysis (2014) – 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. It is available from the Red Seal website: www.red-seal.ca.

Contacts

The **Industry Training Authority (ITA)** manages B.C.'s industry training and apprenticeship programs. Contact ITA Customer service if you have any questions regarding registration, examinations or certification for this program.

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