

## **MARINE SERVICE TECHNICIAN**

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### **Occupation Description**

“Marine Service Technician” refers to a tradesperson who performs any combination of service, repair, construction or installation of recreational vessels and light commercial vessels, with marine specialty skills in one or more of the following areas: composites technology, refinishing, woodworking, metals, systems installation and rigging. They may be employed by boat repair yards, marinas, yacht manufacturing facilities, yacht clubs, marine dealerships or specialty marine service providing businesses.

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 a Marine Service Technician by completing the Marine Service 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.

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 education

### **ITA Registration**

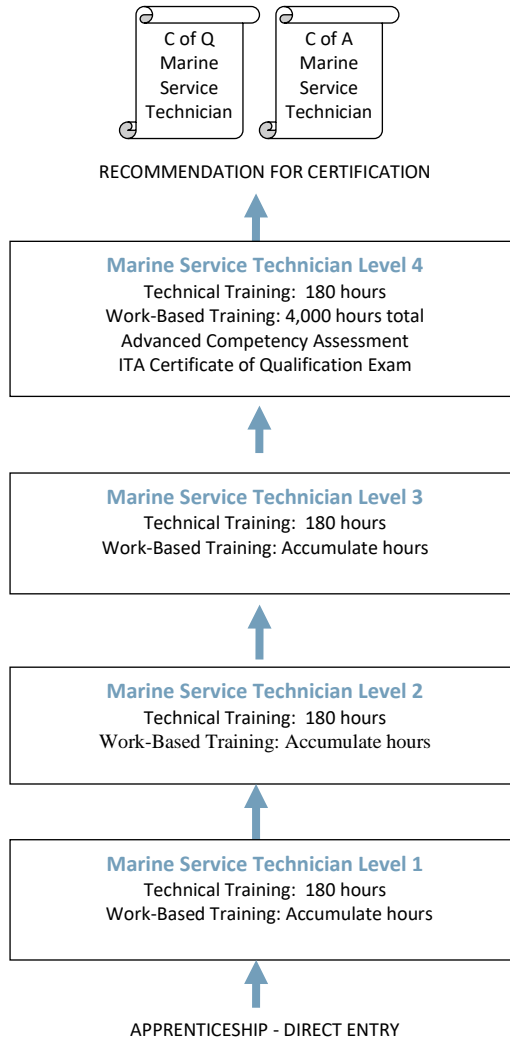
Individuals who wish to begin an apprenticeship in this program must register with ITA along with their sponsors. Application forms for all programs are available from the ITA website. Online registration is also available for most programs through the ITA website.

Those who wish to challenge the Marine Service Technician certification must complete the Marine Service 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.

**Apprenticeship Pathway**

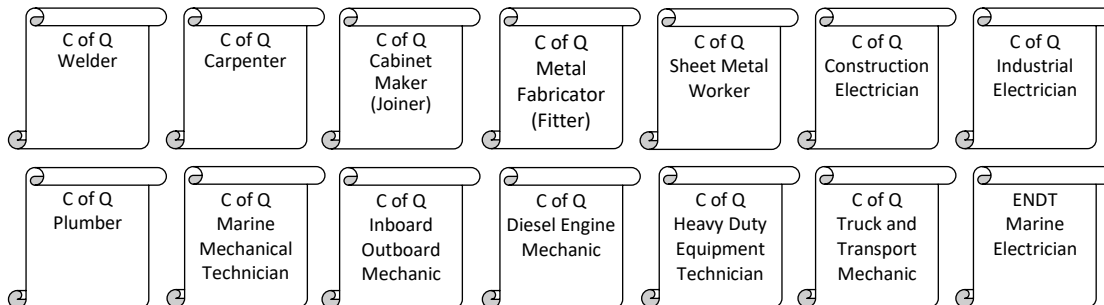
This graphic provides an overview of the Marine Service Technician apprenticeship pathway.

Certificate of Qualification (C of Q)  
Certificate of Apprenticeship (C of A)  
Work-Based Training (WBT)  
Endorsement (ENDT)



**CROSS-PROGRAM CREDITS**

Individuals who hold the credentials below are entitled to receive a credit of 500 WBT hours toward the completion requirements of this program





## INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM PROFILE RECOGNIZED PROGRAM

### Apprenticeship Pathway Program Standards

#### Credentials Awarded

- Marine Service Technician – Certificate of Qualification
- Marine Service Technician – Certificate of Apprenticeship

#### ITA Registration Prerequisites

- Agreement signed by the employer to sponsor the apprentice

#### Completion Requirements

Certification as a Marine Service Technician is awarded upon successful completion of:

##### Requirement

##### Level of Achievement Required

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| ▪ Technical Training                    | Minimum 70% in each level of technical training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Level 1: 180 hours</li><li>▪ Level 2: 180 hours</li><li>▪ Level 3: 180 hours</li><li>▪ Level 4: 180 hours</li></ul> |
| ▪ ITA Certificate of Qualification Exam | ▪ Minimum 70%  |
| ▪ Work-Based Training                   | ▪ 4,000 hours  |
| ▪ Advanced Competency Assessment        | ▪ Advanced Competency Assessment Standards & Workplace Performance Report Criteria approved by Quadrant Marine Institute   |
| ▪ Recommendation for Certification      | ▪ Recommendation for certification signed by the Sponsor and an individual holding credentials eligible for sign-off authority   |

#### Program Duration

Duration varies depending on how training is delivered, but the program generally will take 3 – 6 years to complete, depending on the time required to attain the required practical competencies.

The technical training requirement is typically met through part-time training delivered by an ITA-approved training provider. It can also be met through approved alternative training models where these options are available.

#### Sign-off Authority

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

- Marine Service Technician – Certificate of Qualification
- Boatbuilder – Certificate of Qualification
- Boatbuilder – Certificate of Apprenticeship
- ITA-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:

- None



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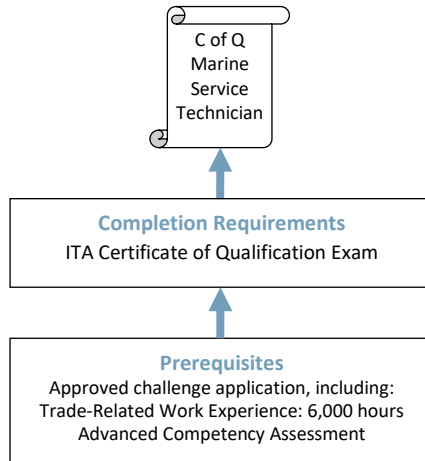
Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are entitled to receive a credit of 500 WBT hours toward the completion requirements of this program

- Welder
  - Carpenter
  - Cabinet Maker (Joiner)
  - Metal Fabricator (Fitter)
  - Sheet Metal Worker
  - Construction Electrician
  - Industrial Electrician
  - Plumber
  - Marine Mechanical Technician
  - Truck and Transport Mechanic
  - Heavy Duty Equipment Technician
  - Inboard/Outboard Mechanic
  - Diesel Engine Mechanic
  - Marine Electrician Endorsement
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**Challenge Pathway**

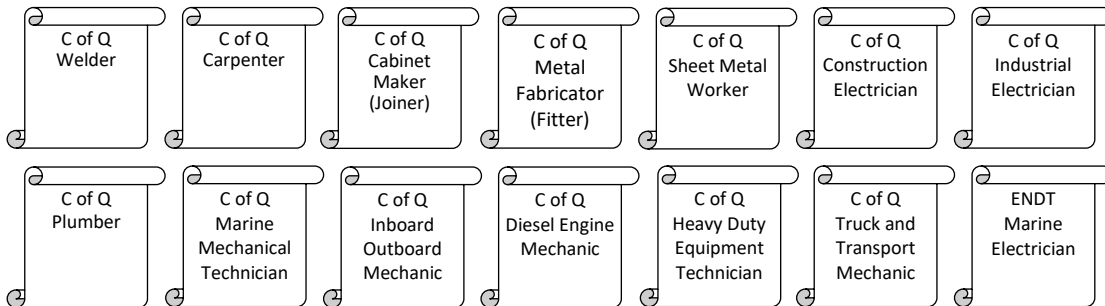
This graphic provides an overview of the Marine Service Technician challenge pathway.

*Certificate of Qualification (C of Q)  
Endorsement (ENDT)*



**CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING**

*Individuals who hold the credentials below are entitled to receive a credit of **500 WBT** hours toward the completion requirements of this program*





### Challenge Pathway Program Standards

<b>Credentials Awarded</b>	Marine Service Technician – Certificate of Qualification				
<b>ITA Registration Prerequisites</b>	An approved Challenge Application, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 6,000 documented hours of directly related experience working in the occupation</li><li>▪ Advanced Competency Assessment Standards &amp; Workplace Performance Report Criteria approved by Quadrant Marine Institute</li></ul>				
<b>Credit for Prior Learning</b>	Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are entitled to receive a credit of <u>500 WBT hours</u> toward the prerequisites for challenging this program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Welder</li><li>▪ Carpenter</li><li>▪ Cabinet Maker (Joiner)</li><li>▪ Metal Fabricator (Fitter)</li><li>▪ Sheet Metal Worker</li><li>▪ Construction Electrician</li><li>▪ Industrial Electrician</li><li>▪ Plumber</li><li>▪ Marine Mechanical Technician</li><li>▪ Truck and Transport Mechanic</li><li>▪ Heavy Duty Equipment Technician</li><li>▪ Inboard/Outboard Mechanic</li><li>▪ Diesel Engine Mechanic</li><li>▪ Marine Electrician Endorsement</li></ul>				
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## INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM PROFILE RECOGNIZED PROGRAM

### Supporting Documents

Marine Service Technician Program Outline (2017) – Defines the full scope of knowledge and skills required to competently perform the occupation in BC. Available from the ITA website.

### 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.

Telephone: 778-328-8700  
Toll Free (within BC): 1-866-660-6011  
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