

Pathways to the Trades

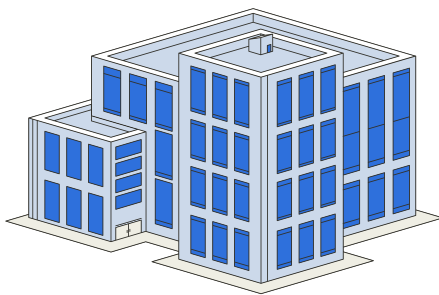
THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO LAUNCH YOUR CAREER IN THE TRADES!



"I have no trades experience, and no employer"

Start Here

DID YOU KNOW?
Your local WorkBC office can help you find an employer.



"I have some trades experience, but no employer"

Start Here

"I have lots of on-the-job experience, but no certification"

Finish

Red Seal

DID YOU KNOW?
SkilledTradesBC offers refresher courses, ESL supports, and exam accommodations to help you pass your exams.

Pre-apprenticeship Path

- Foundation programs let you start with little or no experience and no employer.
- Gain hands-on skills and safety certifications.
- Access possible financial supports and tuition help through **WorkBC**.

Apprenticeship Path

- Train on the job with the support of an employer sponsor.
- Get credit for previous experience and start at the right level.
- Earn while you learn as an apprentice.
- Your pay increases as you progress.

Challenge Path

- Have 6+ years of trade experience? You may qualify as a Trades Qualifier (TQ).
- Ideal for experienced workers who learned on the job instead of through an apprenticeship.
- If you're eligible, you can challenge the certification exam.

Take the Next Step!

HELP IS AVAILABLE WHEREVER YOU ARE ON YOUR TRADES JOURNEY



To learn more about becoming an apprenticeship visit

SkilledTradesBC.ca

or call **1-866-660-6011**

To find an employer and access financial supports contact
you Local WorkBC Offices at **workbc.ca**

"I'M JUST GETTING STARTED"



Pre-apprenticeship Path

- Take a 6–8 month foundation trades program and earn Level 1 apprenticeship credit.
- If you're eligible, WorkBC may cover tuition and help with living costs.
- Connect with your local WorkBC Centre to explore training options.
- Work with a WorkBC case manager to plan your path into a trade.

"I'M READY TO BE AN APPRENTICE"



Apprenticeship Path

- Make sure you're eligible to work and study in Canada, then connect with WorkBC to find an employer.
- Connect with a SkilledTradesBC Apprenticeship Advisor to get started.
- You may qualify for Employment Insurance (EI) and other financial supports during in-school training.
- Access financial support, including BC tax credits and interest-free apprentice loans.

"I WANT TO GET CERTIFIED FAST"



Challenge Path

- Confirm your work experience meets the requirements for your trade.
- Collect employer sign-offs or other documents showing your work experience and hours.
- Submit your Trades Qualifier application to SkilledTradesBC.
- Once approved, challenge the certification exam and become a certified journeyperson.