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Researching Trade Programs

Trade Occupations

There are apprentice programs for over hundreds of occupations. The most popular are in the trades. A trade is an occupation that requires manual or mechanical skill. In trade occupations, you use your hands and tools to build, put together, repair, or make things.

What is Apprenticeship Training?

Another way to learn on the job is by working as an apprentice. An apprentice is a person who works with a skilled worker. As an apprentice, you watch as the skilled worker does the job, then you do the job. This person tells you what you did right and what you need to change. This is called hands-on training because you learn by watching and doing.

Apprenticeship Wages

Even though you are paid a lower wage as an apprentice, there are several advantages. First, hands-on training is a great way to learn job skills. Second, apprenticeships pay while you learn. It takes several years as an apprentice to learn a job. Once you are experienced, you can take a test to become a skilled worker or certify Red Seal. Red Seal individuals are highly paid and respected.

Apprenticeship Requirements

Completing an apprenticeship program usually takes from four to six years. Most apprenticeship programs are registered through the **Industry Training Authority (ITA)**. Apprentices who finish their program receive certificates from the ITA. These certificates are valuable when looking for a job.

Examples of Apprenticeship Trade Programs - website link: <http://www.itabc.ca/>

It is important to know which jobs require apprenticeship training. The **Industry Training Authority (ITA)** manages the apprenticeship system and certifies skilled trades people in BC. The Industry Training Authority manages over one-hundred trade programs in BC, forty-nine which are Red Seal.

1. Go to Find a Trade <http://www.itabc.ca/discover-apprenticeship-programs/search-programs>
2. Research 2 different trade areas (one Trade area must a Red Seal) given by your teacher

1. Red Seal Trade: _____

2. Other Trade Non-Red Seal: _____