

ALBERTA'S COMPULSORY CERTIFICATION TRADES

- Appliance Service Technician
- Auto Body Technician
- Automotive Service Technician
- Boilermaker
- Crane and Hoisting Equipment Operator
- Electrician
- Elevator Constructor
- Gasfitter
- Hairstylist
- Heavy Equipment Technician
- Ironworker
- Motorcycle Mechanic
- Plumber
- Recreation Vehicle Service Technician
- Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic
- Rig Technician
- Sheet Metal Worker
- Steamfitter-pipefitter
- Welder

BECOME A CERTIFIED TRADESPERSON

To find out more about becoming qualified to work in a compulsory trade, contact your local Apprenticeship and Industry Training office. If calling long distance, dial 310-0000 to be connected toll-free.

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Working in a Compulsory
Certification Trade



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Of the more than 50 trades in Alberta, 19 are categorized as “compulsory certification trades.”

This means they are designated trades in which only qualified individuals can work with the tools of the trade.

Why are some trades designated as compulsory?

The main reason is the safety of workers and the public.

Who can work in a compulsory trade?

To work in a compulsory certification trade in Alberta, an employee must:

- hold a trade certificate recognized in Alberta in that trade; or
- be registered as an apprentice in that trade in Alberta, another province or territory and be working under the supervision of a certified journeyman.

How can I find out if my trade certificate is recognized?

Contact your local apprenticeship and industry training office for details and assistance. Please see back page for contact information.

Who is responsible for meeting these requirements?

Both the employer and the employee. It's the employer's responsibility to ensure that employees are qualified to work in a compulsory trade. Employees are also responsible to ensure that they meet the qualifications.

What happens if an unqualified employee is working in a compulsory trade?

Apprenticeship and industry training staff will offer to work with the employer and the employee to help the employee become qualified. The employer must contact the local office as soon as the employee commences work in the trade.

How can an employee become qualified?

There are a number of options depending on individual circumstances. Your local apprenticeship and industry training office will be pleased to explain these to you. In all circumstances, an application must be completed and submitted.

Can an employee work in the trade while the application is being processed?

Yes, as long as the employee meets all of the required conditions and timelines under the application process.

What happens if an employee continues to work in the trade without submitting an application?

A compliance order may be issued requiring the employer and the employee to meet specific conditions.

Are there consequences for ignoring a compliance order?

Yes. Employers or employees who fail to comply with the order may be required to appear before the courts. A court order may be issued and penalties imposed.

Where can I get more information?

Contact your local apprenticeship and industry training office. Staff will be pleased to help you with any questions you have.