

# Apprenticeships and Trades...

Are you looking for great opportunities to set yourself up for a career without attending college or university? See the information in the next slide to learn how to gain experience while you work.



An **apprenticeship** is an opportunity to learn a skilled trade on the job while being paid. There are currently 144 skilled trades in Canada for which you can be trained and find employment; several of these trades are Red Seal trades, for which you can write a national exam.

Most apprenticeships require you to have your OSSD. Throughout the years of your apprenticeship, there is mandatory classroom instruction, with this cost being largely covered by the provincial government. You must register your apprenticeship with the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.





# What do I need to get an apprenticeship?

A **sponsor** is required for apprenticeships, which could be difficult to secure right out of secondary school. Students could also choose to attend college to gain additional specialization and to make themselves more marketable for an apprenticeship. Research all of your options and reach out to both skilled trades unions/organizations and colleges as you plan your future.

For information and resources about apprenticeships in Ontario, check out:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/apprenticeship-ontario>

To submit an application to become an apprentice, go to:

<https://www.eoss.tcu.gov.on.ca/AOL/training/prerequisites>

**\*Talk to your Tech teachers:**

They may have contacts they can connect you with who are looking to sponsor a new apprentice!

The local Ontario apprenticeship office contact information:

Garden City Tower  
301 St Paul Street West, 10th floor  
St Catharines, Ontario  
L2R 7R4  
Tel: 905-704-2991  
Toll-free: 1-800-263-4475  
HNB.Apprenticeship@ontario.ca

For more information  
on the **skilled trades**  
and **apprenticeships**,  
visit these websites:

★ [www.skilledtradesontario.ca/](http://www.skilledtradesontario.ca/)

★ [www.ontario.ca/page/prepare-apprenticeship#section-1](http://www.ontario.ca/page/prepare-apprenticeship#section-1)

★ [www.apprenticesearch.com/](http://www.apprenticesearch.com/)

★ [www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/teachers/studentsuccess/pathwayapprentice.pdf](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/teachers/studentsuccess/pathwayapprentice.pdf)