

it's  
my  
life!

my  
future  
is now!



Is a  
career  
in trades  
right for you?

# Earn & Learn



## Industrial Trades salaries are higher than the average Canadian wage

### It's Your Life

A career in Industrial Trades can give you a great future and a lifetime of enjoyment.

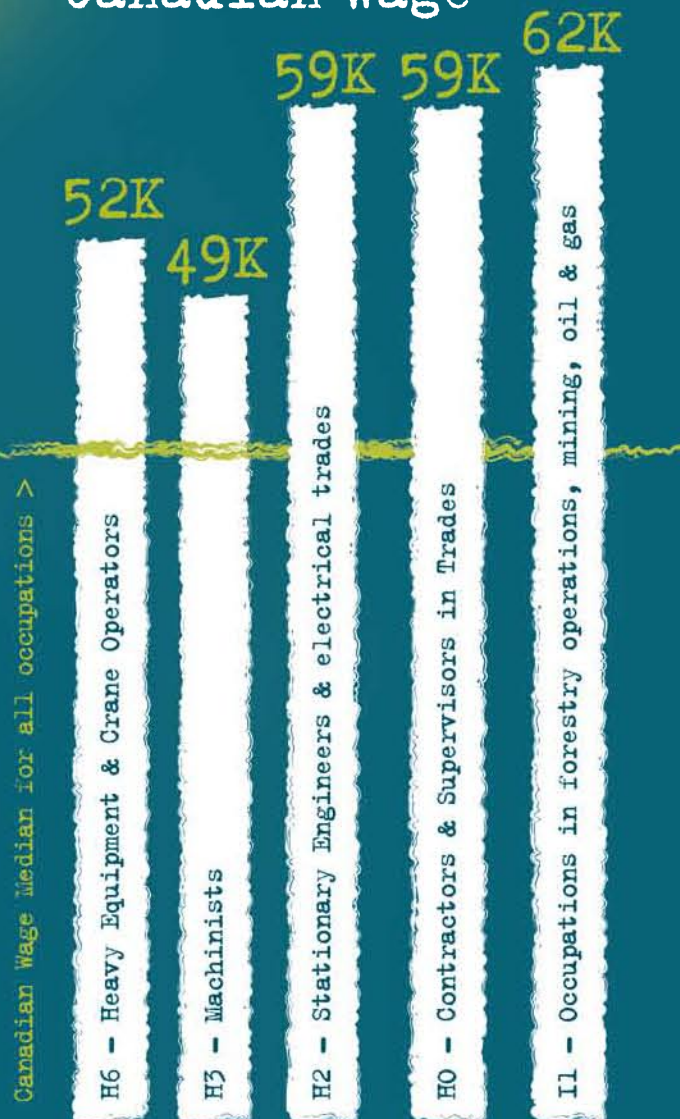
- Earn a great living
- Use your talents for satisfying work
- Time for yourself and your hobbies
- Above average income to do the things you want
- Growth potential in your field
- A future you can be proud of

**Industrial Trades are in high demand, and paying high salaries.**

**Why not start right now?**  
To become a certified tradesperson, it usually takes four years and involves 15% technical (in-school) training and 85% work-based training.

**What could be better?**  
Industry training programs combine paid, on-the-job learning with instruction at a college or training centre. When you complete a program, you'll get a credential (similar to a diploma) that will open up career opportunities in British Columbia, across the country or internationally.

**It's your Choice**  
There are so many great careers in industrial trades, one that's perfect for you. Here are just a few: Industrial Electrician, Industrial Mechanic, Millwright, Welding, Industrial Instrument Mechanic, Machinist, Metal Fabricator Mill Operator, Steamfitter, Marine Fitter and Rigger. Check out this website for more information: [www.theskilledlife.com](http://www.theskilledlife.com)



Statistics Canada - 2006 Census  
(2005 Median Earnings, Full Year, Full Time Earners)

### It's your route

**Where?**  
High school is a good place to start planning your career through an industry training program.

Here are two ways to get you going:

**1) Work Experience**  
Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA) is a high school career program that lets you begin an apprenticeship while still in high school (and earn up to 16 credits toward graduation for doing so!)

**2) Training**  
ACE IT - Think of ACE IT as an apprenticeship head start for high school students. Through an ACE IT program, you can take courses that will give you both high school graduation credits and credit towards completion of an apprenticeship program. By the way, ACE IT stands for Accelerated Credit Enrollment in industry training.

### It's your Future

Industrial Trades training come in a variety of lengths and formats to suit your needs.

**Paid Training**  
Most of the apprenticeships training is paid training. That means you earn while you learn and get a head start on your career.

**High-Demand Skills**  
The skills you learn in your training program are in high demand. Not only in BC, but right across Canada. Your training will also help to prepare you for future growth in teaching or management. Courses can even be transferred to degree programs in the future.

### It's Your Life

Your Industrial Trades training is the start of a rewarding and prosperous future. You might choose to continue learning in a university program or carry on to a Red Seal program in your field. Who knows, you might start your own business. The future is yours. *It's Your Life!*



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# Parents as career coaches

*Don't prepare the path for the child,  
prepare the child for the path. — Unknown*



We need to recognize the importance of our youth developing the attitudes & skills they will need to navigate & adapt in the ever changing marketplace.

Surveys have found that 70% of students express a need for additional support in choosing a career. Asked who they would prefer career planning help from: 75% of senior high school students cited parents as being in the top three people they would choose. This compared to friends at 43%, experts in the field at 42% and councilors at 36%.

Parents can be their children's biggest obstacle or their greatest career development ally. By supporting and encouraging children, parents can both champion and nudge their children as needed. The metaphor of "coach" reinforces the parent's role in guiding and supporting their children, rather than dictating or doing the work for them.

Parents can best support their children through this process by spotting and supporting youth's interests, values and skills rather than focusing on specific occupational choices. Ask your child what they like doing and what they like about the activity rather than asking them to choose a specific occupation.

Look at what has given your child a sense of accomplishment in:

- Leisure activities
- Home/family activities
- School activities
- Unpaid/paid work
- Volunteer/Community activities

Let's get the kids off the couch and help them plan for their life.

**As Co-Researchers/  
Connectors, you will:**

- Explore career possibilities with your child.
- Learn about doing occupational research on Industrial Trades.
- Look at ways of connecting your children to "people in the know."

**As Supporters, you will:**

- Understand more about the types of career building supports your children may need.
- Look at career websites/books for descriptions of occupations.
- Talk to tradespeople about what they do.
- Find occupations that are related to ones your children are already interested in.
- Take informal tests on career websites and look at occupations they generate.
- Have formal assessments by a qualified career professional.

**Questions to ask tradespersons:**

- 1) What do you like most about this occupation?  
What do you like the least?
- 2) What kind of education or training does someone need?
- 3) What personal qualities are needed to succeed in this kind of work?
- 4) What career opportunities are possible for someone entering this field?
- 5) Can you think of anyone else I should talk to?



Certified Tradespersons  
are in high demand in BC,  
Canada & around the world.

### Find out more

[www.theskilledlife.com](http://www.theskilledlife.com)

[www.workfutures.bc.ca](http://www.workfutures.bc.ca)

[www.skillscanada.ca](http://www.skillscanada.ca)

[www.careersintrades.ca](http://www.careersintrades.ca)

[www.apprenticetrades.ca](http://www.apprenticetrades.ca)

### Network

Interview someone who works in the field you are interested in. You can also volunteer, jobshadow, and attend school field trips related to Industrial Trades.

### Explore trade possibilities

Go out and take a look at a worksite or get some work experience to help you decide if it's the career for you.

### Course work

Consider taking trade related courses at school.

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