



Resource Training Organization

Step into the Trades

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take a step into the resource trades it's your life

A career in Resource Trades can give you a great future and the lifestyle you desire. Apprenticeship training, great wages, interesting work, and growth potential in your field are just a few reasons why the resource trades might be just right for you. Industrial trades' salaries are often higher than the average Canadian wage and the training can be a stepping stone to various trades, owning your own business, or further post secondary education. Many of the resource trades are "Red Seal" certified which means your credential is recognized across the country. Skilled tradespeople are in demand in the resource industry and are expected to continue to be in demand in the upcoming years. With a large number of the workforce expected to retire soon, now is a good time to start an apprenticeship and "step into the trades".



it's your choice.

There are so many great careers in the resource trades. You can work in industries such as mining, oil and gas, pulp and paper, solid wood and shipbuilding and repair sectors. Some resource trades include: Industrial Electrician, Industrial Mechanic, Welder, Industrial Instrumentation Mechanic, Machinists, Metal Fabricator, Steam Fitter/Pipe Fitter, Oil and Gas Rig Technician and others. You can view program descriptions of all trades at www.rtoabc.com

how do i start?

Choose the trade that is right for you. Do some research, browse the web, volunteer and/or obtain part-time work in the industry. Determine if the job description, skill set, environment and lifestyle fits with you. Talk to trades people already in the industry. Your parents, career counsellors and teachers can also help with your research and career coaching.



it's your route.

There are a number of different ways to start an apprenticeship in the resource trades. **HIGH SCHOOL** is a good place to start planning your career. Do some research or ask your career educator about SSA Secondary School apprenticeship and/or ACE IT – Accelerated Credit Enrolment which can give you a kick start in a trade of your choice through on the job and/or classroom based training AND you will earn credits toward graduation. **FOUNDATION PROGRAMS** are pre-apprentice programs which allow you to learn the basics of the trade of your choice as well as credits toward your level 1 technical training. If you want to try out a trade but aren't ready to commit to a full program this may be the route for you. Foundation programs generally take a few months to complete and are offered at various colleges throughout BC. Often employers hire directly from these programs.

DIRECT ENTRY- If you already know which trade you wish to pursue and have an employer to sponsor you, then you just need to register as an apprentice with the ITA (Industry Training Authority) at www.itabc.ca along with your employer. If you are already working in the trade you can obtain **CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING**. You may have worked in your trade for several years but would like to be certified. You can register as an apprentice and get credit for hours and experience already completed. Contact the ITA customerservice@itabc.ca for more details.



and start your future now.

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You can also check out these sites for valuable
career information:

www.itabc.ca

www.theskilledlife.com

www.workfutures.bc.ca

www.skillscanada.com

www.careersintrades.ca

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