

Apprenticeship Grants

Apprenticeship Incentive Grant Apprenticeship Completion Grant



Investing in Canada's skilled tradespeople

The skilled trades offer in-demand, recognized and well-paid careers. In many skilled trades, apprenticeship training is an essential step to becoming a certified tradesperson. The Government of Canada is working with its partners to increase apprenticeship opportunities for Canadians in the Red Seal trades and to promote a highly skilled and mobile workforce in Canada.

The **Interprovincial Standards Red Seal Program** promotes common standards and certification programs to make it easier for skilled tradespeople to work anywhere in Canada. Apprentices who complete their training also earn higher wages. For a complete list of Red Seal trades, visit red-seal.ca. To find out more about Red Seal trades in your province or territory, contact your apprenticeship office.



What money is available?

Eligible apprentices can get up to \$4,000 in federal apprenticeship grants:

- the **Apprenticeship Incentive Grant (AIG)** — is a taxable cash grant of \$1,000 per year or level, up to a maximum amount of \$2,000 per person. It is available to apprentices once they have completed their first and/or second year or level (or equivalent) of an apprenticeship program in a designated Red Seal trade;
- the **Apprenticeship Completion Grant (ACG)** — is a taxable cash grant of \$2,000 for registered apprentices who complete their apprenticeship training and obtain their journeyperson certification in a designated Red Seal trade.

A grant is not a loan and never needs to be repaid.



Am I eligible for the AIG?

To be eligible for the AIG, you must:

- be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or protected person;
- be out of high school;
- be a registered apprentice with a provincial/territorial apprenticeship authority in a designated Red Seal trade; and
- be able to provide proof that you have successfully completed either the first and/or second year or level (or equivalent) in a designated Red Seal trade.

When can I apply for the AIG?

You can apply for the AIG after completing your first and/or second year or level (or equivalent) of your apprenticeship program in a designated Red Seal trade. Service Canada must receive your application by **June 30** of the year after you complete the first and/or second year or level.



Support for skilled trades

In addition to the AIG and the ACG, you can also apply for employment insurance benefits during your technical in-school training.

Apply online today!

To apply for an apprenticeship grant online:

- Complete the guided online application form at **servicecanada.gc.ca/apprenticeship**
- Mail or deliver any supporting documentation to **Service Canada**.

Paper application forms are also available to download at **servicecanada.gc.ca/apprenticeship** or by calling **1-866-742-3644**.

Am I eligible for the ACG?

To be eligible for the ACG, you must:

- be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or protected person;
- be out of high school;
- show that you have completed an apprenticeship program as a registered apprentice in a designated Red Seal trade; and
- provide proof that you have received your journeyperson certification in a designated Red Seal trade.



When can I apply for the ACG?

You can apply for the ACG after completing your apprenticeship program and receiving your journeyperson certification in a designated Red Seal trade. Service Canada must receive your application by **June 30** of the year after you complete your apprenticeship and receive your journeyperson certification.

For more information

Click **servicecanada.gc.ca/apprenticeship**

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Other benefits available to you through the Canada Revenue Agency (cra.gc.ca) are:

- the Tradesperson's Tools Deduction; and
- the Apprentice Mechanic Tools Expenses.

Employers who hire apprentices can apply for the **Apprenticeship Job Creation Tax Credit** — a tax credit for employers who hire Red Seal apprentices.