



Apprenticeship News and Resources

Essential Skills

The Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) website has helpful information for those thinking about apprenticeships.

The information is broken down to specific trades, allowing for a quick browse of the kind of skills that are necessary for the workforce.

For example, the easy to read pages below provide a glance into the skills and requirements or a typical work day of:

A [Sheet Metal Worker](#),

[Automotive Service Technician](#),

A [Hairstylist](#), or



Photo courtesy of Canada's Economic Action Plan website

A [Plumber](#)

For more examples and useful tips, as well as information about apprenticeship in Canada visit the

HRSDC website and click on [Tools, Assessment and Training Support](#) and check out some of the featured [Success Stories](#).

“**When you invite someone into your home or business, you want the peace of mind of knowing that person has the skills they say they do.**”

- Peter Silverman, Canadian broadcast journalist and consumer advocate.

(click [HERE](#) for full article)

Skilled Trades Stats

Statistics Canada has released the 2011 data from the Registered Apprenticeship Information System (RAIS).

The RAIS is an annual survey conducted by Statistics Canada since 1974. It obtains information on individuals who receive training or certification within a trade where apprenticeship training is being offered from each province and territory (P/T) in Canada

This release was accompanied by an article in *The Daily* highlighting the main findings of the data. [Click here](#) to read the summary.

Some highlights from the survey include:

- In 2011, there were 89,307 new registrations and 8,298 reinstatements in apprenticeship, an increase of over 5.4% compared to 2010.
- The total number of registered apprentices in Red Seal trades at the end of 2011 increased by 2% (from 259,977 in 2010 to 264,447 in 2011). In comparison, the total number in

non-Red Seal trades increased by 11.6%, from 67,362 to 75,228.

- Growth in the number of continuing apprentices in non-Red Seal trades was driven by User Support Technicians (+2,538); Plumbers, Pipefitters and Steamfitters (+693); Heavy Equipment and Crane Operators (+663); Early Childhood Educators and Assistants (+381); and Community and Social Service Workers (+348).

- Over 41,163 apprentices completed their program in 2011, representing a 14.3% increase over the previous year and a 124% increase since 2000. 31,305 apprentices completed in Red Seal trades representing 76% of all completions.

- In 2011, women accounted for over 15.5% of new registrations or almost 14,000 apprentices. In 2011, there were almost 59,000 female apprentices which accounted for approximately 14% of all registered apprentices.

Source: HRSDC.

"It is important to show consumers — and the people in general — how important the trades are. Nothing happens without tradespeople."

- Sue Warren, Marine Equipment Technician, Rockport



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Table 1

Registered apprenticeship training: Registrations and certifications

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2008 to 2009	2009 to 2010	2010 to 2011
	thousands				% change		
Total registrations	390,705	409,041	430,452	426,283	4.7	5.2	-1.0
New registrations	98,553	84,885	92,568	97,605	-13.9	9.1	5.4
Total certificates	47,739	48,501	51,864	55,422	1.6	6.9	6.9
Total apprentice certificates	29,124	30,903	36,018	41,160	6.1	16.6	14.3
With Red Seal endorsement	14,811	16,683	18,816	20,220	12.6	12.8	7.5
Without Red Seal endorsement	14,313	14,220	17,202	20,940	-0.6	21.0	21.7
Total trade qualifier/challenger certificates	18,615	17,598	15,846	14,262	-5.5	-10.0	-10.0
With Red Seal endorsement	7,143	6,456	6,165	5,511	-9.6	-4.5	-10.6
Without Red Seal endorsement	11,472	11,142	9,681	8,751	-2.9	-13.1	-9.6

Source: [Statistics Canada](#).

All about apprentices and why you should hire them

A new report titled [Effective Journeyperson Apprentice Mentoring On-the-job: Tips, Strategies, and Resources](#), published by the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum (CAF) shows the importance of good mentors and how they contribute to the success of apprentices.



Click the logo above to learn more about the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum and read more about their apprenticeship research.

It has to begin with a belief in the value of apprenticeship training, passing down knowledge to younger workers and providing apprentices with meaningful work experiences.

- Sec. 5 (5.1) *Effective Journeyperson Apprentice Mentoring On-the-job: Tips, Strategies, and Resources*

Also from the CAF: —>

Check out the latest video titled [Five Good Reasons to Hire an Apprentice](#). Click on the video image right to view.



Industry headlines

[Ontario College of Trades talks about apprenticeships](#)

Conestoga College, June 13, 2013

[Skilled trades shortage could be closed by women, say feds](#)

Metro Ottawa, June 13, 2013

[Collaboration with industry key to preventing workplace injuries: Naqvi](#)

Daily Commercial News, June 12, 2013

[Panel Decisions on Apprenticeship Ratio Reviews \[news release\]](#)

Canadian Newswire, June 10, 2013

[Apprentice use on federal projects needs improvement](#)

Daily Commercial News, June 7, 2013

[Consumer protection register now live](#)

Weekly Voice, June 4, 2013

[Decoding Canada's 'skills crisis': What's the solution?](#)

Toronto Star, May 31, 2013

[Five basics you need to join the skilled trades \[Mike Holmes op-ed\]](#)

Vancouver Sun, May 29, 2013

Message from the Registrar



Bob Guthrie, Registrar & CEO

The results are in from the Skills Canada National Competition, and Ontario's apprentices deserve a round of applause for their exceptional work competing in Vancouver. Overall, team Ontario has taken home:

13 Gold medals
20 Silver medals
7 Bronze medals

And that is much to be proud of.

Team Ontario will travel to Leipzig, Germany to compete in the 42nd World Skills Competition, taking place July 2—7, 2013.

On behalf of the Ontario College of Trades, I am very happy to say congratulations to all our winners, and wish them the best of luck in the next competition in Germany.

These apprentices represent not only Ontario, but the bright future ahead for Ontario's skilled trades.

All of the participants' names, skill names and types of medals are posted on the Skills Canada website. To read more about all our winners, [click here](#).

Sincerely,

Bob Guthrie,
Registrar & CEO

events

42nd World Skills Competition

July 2—7, 2013
Leipzig, Germany.
<http://www.worldskillsleipzig2013.com/de/>

Muskoka in Water & Boat Show

July 26-28, 2013
Gravenhurst, Ont.
<http://muskokashows.com>

2013 HRAI Annual Meeting and Conference

August 21 - 24, 2013
The Westin Bayshore
Vancouver, B.C.
<http://www.hrai.ca/annualmeeting.html>

National Technology Conference

September 26-28, 2013
Winnipeg, Man.
<http://www.cctt.ca/home.asp>

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

October 24 & 25, 2013
Quality Hotel & Conference Centre
Oshawa, Ont.
<http://www.amo.on.ca/AMO-Content/Events/Counties,-Regions-Single-Tier-Symposium-2013.aspx>

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Membership News

To keep your Certificate of Qualification (C of Q) active in a compulsory trade, you will need to pay the annual membership fee to the College.

Payments will come due on the day and month of your anniversary date previously held with the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU).

If you hold a C of Q that expires in July, 2013, you should have already received a renewal invoice from the College in the mail. If you have not yet received your invoice, or if you wish to update your mailing or personal information, please contact the College's Client Services department by phone, 647-847-3000 (in the Greater Toronto Area) or 1-855-299-0028 (toll-free).

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