

Apprenticeship Grants

*Apprenticeship Incentive Grant
Apprenticeship Completion Grant*



Investing in Canada's skilled tradespeople

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 work force in Canada.

The Interprovincial Standards Red Seal Program promotes standardized training and certification programs to make it easier for skilled tradespeople to work anywhere in Canada. 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 receive up to \$4,000 in federal grants.

What is an apprenticeship grant?

An apprenticeship grant is a taxable grant that the Government of Canada gives to eligible apprentices. A grant is not a loan and never needs to be repaid. Two types of grants are available to apprentices:

- the **Apprenticeship Incentive Grant (AIG)**; and
- the **Apprenticeship Completion Grant (ACG)**.

What is the Apprenticeship Incentive Grant (AIG)?

The 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.

Am I eligible for the AIG?

To be eligible for the AIG, you must be:

- ✓ a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or protected person;
- ✓ out of high school;
- ✓ a registered apprentice with a provincial/territorial apprenticeship authority in a designated Red Seal trade; and
- ✓ 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 on or after January 1, 2007.



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.

What is the Apprenticeship Completion Grant (ACG)?

The 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.



Apply online today!

To apply for an apprenticeship grant online:

1. Complete the guided online application form at servicecanada.gc.ca/apprenticeship
2. 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;
- ✓ out of high school;
- ✓ able to show that you have completed an apprenticeship program as a registered apprentice in a designated Red Seal trade; and
- ✓ able to provide proof that you have received your journeyperson's certification in a designated Red Seal trade on or after January 1, 2009.

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 (on or after January 1, 2009). Service Canada must receive your application by June 30 of the year after you complete your apprenticeship and receive your journeyperson certification.

Support for skilled trades

In addition to the AIG and the ACG, there are two tax measures implemented through the Canada Revenue Agency (cra.gc.ca):

- the **Apprenticeship Job Creation Tax Credit** – a tax credit for employers who hire Red Seal apprentices; and
- the **Tradesperson's Tools Deduction** – a tax deduction of up to \$500 for tradespeople to help them buy tools that cost more than \$1,000.



For more information

- Click servicecanada.gc.ca/apprenticeship
- Call 1-866-742-3644 (TTY: 1-866-909-9757)
- Visit a Service Canada Centre

