



EXPLORATION: Apprenticeship Trade Questions & Answers

Discussion Guide

A DESIGNATED trade is one that is regulated by a province/territory under formal legislation. In the province of Nova Scotia, this legislation is the Nova Scotia Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act and General Regulations. There are also a number of specific trade regulations.

A COMPULSORY CERTIFIED trade is one with additional requirements. A person working at the trade is required to hold a current Certificate of Qualification, be a registered apprentice, youth apprentice, or have a current temporary permit, or have a current Certificate of Qualification bearing the Interprovincial Red Seal. Trades are specified as compulsory on the request of industry and this request is generally based on reasons of public and worker safety.

The RED SEAL Program was established to provide greater mobility across Canada for skilled workers. A National Occupational Analysis (NOA) is developed for each Red Seal trade and used as a base for the development of Interprovincial Standard Examinations. Apprentices who have completed their training and certified journeymen, are able to obtain a "Red Seal" endorsement by successfully completing an Interprovincial Standards Examination.

There are many, many different sources of information for learning information about the trades....

There are now OVER 60 designated trades, of which 9 are compulsory certified.

Source: Provincial Government Apprenticeship Authority web site: <http://nsapprenticeship.ca/>

As of April 1, 2008 Apprenticeship is under the Nova Scotia Department of Labour and Workforce Development <http://www.gov.ns.ca/lwd/>

There are also 45 Red Seal Trades designated in Nova Scotia.

Source: Interprovincial Standards (Red Seal) Program web site <http://www.red-seal.ca/>

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Essential Skills - Skills Information Division

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"Readers Guide to Essential Skills"

http://srv600.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/esrp/english/general/readers_guide_whole.shtml