



Apprenticeship Information - Getting Ready for Technical Training

Getting ready to attend technical training in your trade? Ensure that you take advantage of all the apprentice programs available, here is a quick tip sheet to get you started.

Trade Secrets Site is the Alberta Industry Training webpage and is a great resource, below are a couple quick tips but we encourage to check out the site, especially the financial assistance page in regards to scholarships and grants (<https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/financial-assistance/>)

Government Grants:

- The Apprenticeship Incentive Grant (AIG) is a taxable cash grant of \$1,000 per year, to a maximum of \$2,000. This Grant helps registered apprentices get started in the designated Red Seal trades. Visit Canada Apprenticeship Grants for detailed information. The deadline to apply is June 30 of the year after you complete the first and/or second year or level.

More Information:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/apprenticeship-incentive-overview.html>

- The Apprenticeship Completion Grant (ACG) is a taxable cash grant of \$2,000. This Grant helps registered apprentices who have completed their training to become certified journeypersons in the designated Red Seal trades. Visit Canada Apprenticeship Grants for detailed information. The deadline to apply is June 30 of the year after you complete your apprenticeship and receive your journeyperson certification in a designated Red Seal trade.

More Information:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/apprenticeship-completion-apply.html>

Employment Insurance:

- You can apply for EI up to 7 days prior to your last day of work. Recommend submitting online for quicker processing.
- There is a one week waiting period
- You can sign up for direct deposit online

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/jobs/training/support-skilled-trades-apprentices/ei-apprentices.html>

Benefits:

- Some employers will maintain benefits during your time in technical training, ensure to ask ahead of time with the possibility of pre-paying your premiums



- Alternatively the training institution as they may have a benefits plan that you can apply for, contact the training institution for more information
- Third option is to look into personal coverage (ensure you give yourself enough time for the application)