

The Youth Work in Trades program is designed to get students started on the work based component of an apprenticeship program while they are still considered a youth. As early as the age of 15, students have the opportunity to gain trade related experience in a Ministry & ITA recognized program and receive credits towards their graduation diploma as well as hours towards their trade. With the push towards Trades Training and the realization of a lack of future qualified trades people, the Ministry of Education and the Industry Training Authority (ITA) have developed the Youth Work in Trades program (previously known as SSA - Secondary School Apprenticeship). Students can acquire up to 16 high school credits and receive on-the-job training as paid apprentices, while still of school age. This youth 'tag' continues until June 30 of the year they turn 19, and after that they are considered an adult apprentice.

### Work Time = School Credit

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| 120 hours | working as an apprentice | = | 4 high school credits                 |
| 240 hours | “ “ “                    | = | 8                                     |
| 360 hours | “ “ “                    | = | 12                                    |
| 480 hours | “ “ “                    | = | 16 high school <b>maximum credits</b> |

### Possible options:

Full time student attending high school – work weekends, after school, Winter / Spring Break, Summer etc.

Half time student in linear Secondary school program - Day 1 / Day 2 rotation (alternate days)

- Students work in their trade area every second day. eg: M W F then Tu Th of the next week
- Student may need to make up credits or courses outside of school timetable toward grad credits
- **In a semester school**, “WRK” may be 1<sup>st</sup> half or 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the school year

Graduated student still within the Age 19 rule - can work full time

Youth apprentices, like an adult apprenticeship, can be done as direct entry into a trade, and then add the 6-12 wk theory levels when they and the employer are ready. Usually one level a year, or once they have a 1000 hrs or so of work done. You can also do Foundation Training first (Youth Train in Trades), then get setup for Work in Trades. A Foundation program is longer than a level and includes Level 1 along with further theory as well as practical experience and learning. Or...just do the work based training to get started. It is a very flexible system! See your school apprenticeship facilitator!

There is also a Youth Work in Trades Award of \$1000 if you are registered in a school district Work in Trades program, graduate with a Grade 12 Dogwood or Adult Dogwood Diploma, successfully complete “WRK” 11A, 11B, 12A and 12B (480 reported hrs in the trade and required curriculum for each course), achieve a C+ average or better on Grade 12 numbered courses, and report a minimum of 900 hours to the ITA by Dec 31 within the school year you turn 19 (there are some extensions allowed for course and hours up until June 30 re courses and Aug 31st re hours).

There are approximately 100 apprenticable trades available in a wide variety of work areas. Go to the ITA web site and follow instructions below to see the trades available online.

Visit [www.itabc.ca](http://www.itabc.ca)

Click on the Menu tab then choose “Apprenticeship Programs”

- read the selection under “Overview” and click on “Trade Programs”

For more information check out the Delta District website

<http://www.deltasd.bc.ca/programs/career-programs/> under Youth Work in Trades

Or contact the Career staff at your school.