



The Apprenticeship Completion Grant

New in Canada's Economic Action Plan

As part of **Canada's Economic Action Plan**, the Government of Canada made a commitment to encourage skilled trades and apprenticeships by investing **\$40 million** per year in a new Apprenticeship Completion Grant, which complements the existing Apprenticeship Incentive Grant. It is estimated that **20,000 apprentices** who complete their apprenticeship program and become certified in a designated Red Seal trade will be eligible for the Apprenticeship Completion Grant each year.

About the Program

The Apprenticeship Completion Grant is a **\$2,000** taxable cash grant designed to encourage apprentices registered in a designated Red Seal trade to complete their apprenticeship program and receive journeyman certification. Apprentices will be able to apply for the Apprenticeship Completion Grant starting on July 2, 2009, with eligibility made retroactive to January 1, 2009.

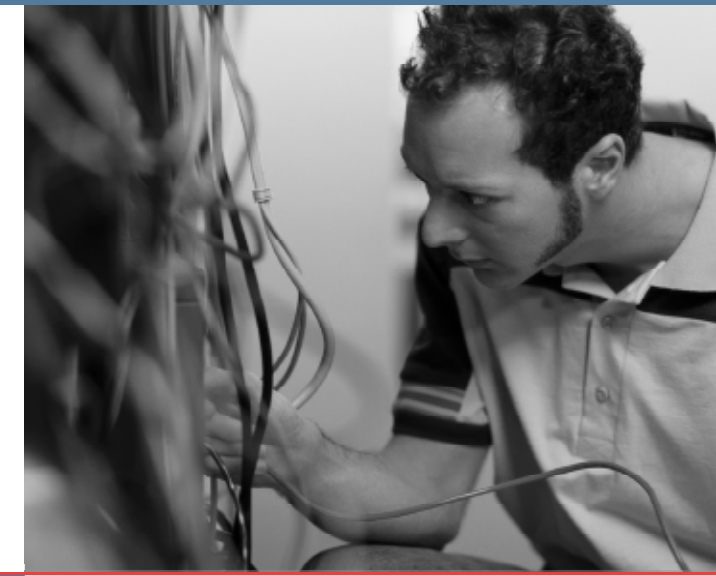
How it works

After successfully completing an apprenticeship program and receiving their journeyman certification in a designated Red Seal trade, apprentices can apply to receive the **\$2,000** Apprenticeship Completion Grant. A Red Seal trade is a trade that is recognized under the Interprovincial Standards Red Seal Program and designated as such within a province or territory. The Red Seal Program represents a national standard of training excellence in the trades and recognizes tradespersons' qualifications.

Under the existing Apprenticeship Incentive Grant, apprentices are already eligible for a **\$1,000** taxable cash grant when they complete the first and/or second level of their apprenticeship program in a designated Red Seal trade, to a maximum of **\$2,000**. As a combined result of the new Apprenticeship Completion Grant and the existing Apprenticeship Incentive Grant, apprentices who complete their apprenticeship program and become certified in a designated Red Seal trade could be eligible to receive a total of **\$4,000**.

Who is eligible

Apprentices registered in a Red Seal trade designated as such in the province or territory in which they receive journeyman certification are eligible to apply. To be eligible for the grant, apprentices must successfully complete their apprenticeship training in a Red Seal designated trade and become certified journeymen on or after January 1, 2009.



How to find out more

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