

Summary of Recognized Trade Credentials

Alberta's growing trades industry sees talented employees from all over the world entering our province's job market.

The following information lists **recognized trade credentials in Alberta**, categorized first by the issuing jurisdiction, the Alberta trade, followed by the equivalent credential. Individuals holding a recognized trade credential are eligible to work in the full scope of the trade in Alberta based on their credential without having to sit for examinations.

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United States of America

Alberta trade	Recognized trade credential
Boilermaker	<i>Certificate of Accomplishment in the Boilermakers National Apprenticeship Program</i> issued by the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers & Helpers in the United States of America.
Electrician	<i>Certificate of Completion for Journeyman Inside Wireman</i> issued by the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the National Electrical Contractors Association in the United States of America.
Elevator Constructor	Certificates issued by the Canadian Elevator Industry Educational Program (CEIEP) or National Elevator Industry Educational Program (NEIEP) in the United States of America.
Ironworker	<i>Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship in the Ironworker Apprenticeship Certification Program</i> issued by a Local Union Apprenticeship Program that is certified by the Apprenticeship and Training Department of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Ironworkers Union in the United States of America.
Steamfitter-Pipefitter	<i>Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship for Steamfitter/Pipefitter</i> issued by the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for the United Association in the United States of America.
Welder	<i>Certificate of Accomplishment in the Boilermakers National Apprenticeship Program</i> issued by the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers & Helpers in the United States of America.

Republic of Ireland

Alberta trade	Recognized trade credential
Carpenter	<i>Level 6 Certificate or Level 6 Advanced Certificate</i> for the craft of <i>Carpentry and Joinery</i> issued by the Further Education and Training Awards Council (FETAC) in Ireland and/or Quality and Qualifications in Ireland (QQI).
Heavy Equipment Technician – Truck and Transport Mechanic	<i>Level 6 Certificate or Level 6 Advanced Certificate</i> for the craft of <i>Heavy Vehicle Mechanics</i> issued by the Further Education and Training Awards Council (FETAC) in Ireland and/or Quality and Qualifications (QQI) in Ireland.

Plumber	<i>Level 6 Certificate or Level 6 Advanced Certificate for the craft of Plumbing issued by the Further Education and Training Awards Council (FETAC) in Ireland and/or Quality and Qualifications (QQI) in Ireland.</i>
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Canada Department of National Defense (DND)*

* Only qualification levels issued to **REGULAR FORCE MEMBERS** are recognized.

Alberta trade	Recognized trade qualification *
Automotive Service Technician	Vehicle Technician QL5, QL5a, DP2, or higher
Carpenter	Construction Technician QL5, QL5a, DP2, or higher
Cook	Cook QL5, QL5a, DP2, or higher
Electrician	Electrical Distribution Technician QL5, QL5a, DP2, or higher
Heavy Equipment Technician – Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic (Off Road)	Vehicle Technician QL5, QL5a, DP2, or higher
Heavy Equipment Technician – Truck and Transport Mechanic	Vehicle Technician QL5, QL5a, DP2, or higher
Heavy Equipment Technician – Transport Trailer Mechanic	Vehicle Technician QL5, QL5a, DP2, or higher
Machinist	Marine Engineering Technician QL5, QL5a, DP2, or higher
Millwright	Marine Engineering Technician QL5, QL5a, DP2, or higher
Parts Technician - Materials Technician	Supply Technician QL6, DP4, or higher
Plumber	Plumber and Heating Technician QL5, QL5a, DP2, or higher
Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic	Refrigeration and Mechanical Technician QL5, QL5a, DP2, or higher
Welder	Material Technician QL5, QL5a, DP2, or higher

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