

Trade Designation

Frequently Asked Questions

Automotive Glass Technician

Q. What is trade designation?

A trade is designated under the Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act and is recognized by the NS Department of Labour and Workforce Development. Becoming a designated trade provides the Apprenticeship Training and Skill Development (ATSD) division to work with Industry to identify certification standards and create a training program that leads to certification.

Q. Why does Industry want Designation?

Businesses indicate that trade designation will improve consumer safety, enhance the image of the trade, build public confidence, improve the quality of repair/replacement.

Q. What is the cost to apply for trade designation?

There is no cost to Industry to apply for trade designation.

Q. When a trade becomes designated, is it voluntary or compulsory?

When a trade becomes designated, it is voluntary. If industry determines the trade needs to be compulsory, application must be made to the Apprenticeship Board at a later date.

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Apprenticeship

Q. What is Apprenticeship ?

Apprenticeship is a method of learning that combines on-the-job training (85%) and theoretical training (15%).

Q. What is the employer's role in apprenticeship training?

The employer is responsible for ensuring that the apprentice works under the supervision of a certified journeyman and attends theoretical training.

Q. What would an Automotive Glass Technician Apprenticeship training program look like?

Industry and Apprenticeship work together to build curriculum that reflects Industry's standard.

Q. How long would Automotive Glass Technician training be?

Industry determines the duration of on-the-job and theoretical training. Throughout Canada, this ranges between 1350—1600 employed hours and 3 to 6 weeks of theoretical training, leading to certification.

Q. If the trade is designated, would there be a requirement for technicians to take training?

No. When a trade becomes designated, a tradesperson is not required to take training, however it is strongly suggested.

Q. How much does Apprenticeship Training cost?

The courses are subsidized by the ATSD division with a small tuition paid by the apprentice. Currently, each course \$81.18.

Certification

Q. What is Certification?

Certification demonstrates the technician meets provincial industry skill & knowledge standards for that trade. There are two types:

Certificate of Apprenticeship — awarded to an apprentice who successfully completes all of the requirements of an apprenticeship training program and certification exam.

Certificate of Qualification — awarded upon successful completion of the certification exam.

Q. Who decides Trade Certification standards?

Industry decides the level of skills and knowledge required for certified technicians. Working with Apprenticeship, Industry will also decide on the process by which technicians will be certified.

BENEFITS & IMPACTS

Q. What are some of the benefits of trade designation?

1. The Automotive Glass Technician will be a professional certified worker in the Industry.
2. Consumer safety issues can be addressed through the development of a provincial practical and theoretical training program.
3. Youth are attracted to certified trades and established career pathways.



Other Automotive Industry Trade Designation

Q. Why is the Collision Repair Industry applying for compulsory certification for the Motor Vehicle Body Repairer (a.k.a. Collision Technician)?

The collision and repair industry has stated it must elevate the professional standards and criteria of their skilled workforce to ensure public and worker safety through mandatory training, meet growing business demands, and deal with the shortage of certified journeymen.

Applying for compulsory certification will have a positive impact on the number of new apprentices entering the trade, ensuring training leads to certification and employee productivity.

Q. What other automotive trades are designated?

1. **Automotive Service Technician**
(Compulsory certified with 461 apprentices)
2. **Motor Vehicle Body Repairer**
(Voluntary certified with 41 apprentices)
3. **Automotive Painter**
(Voluntary Certified with no apprentices)
4. **Partsperson** (Voluntary Certified, no training program / no apprentices.)

NEXT STEPS

The Industry Advisory Committee will hold an Industry meeting to communicate the findings of the report and help improve the understanding of the Apprenticeship trade designation process.

The Committee will submit the application for trade designation soon thereafter.