

# LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

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## SKILLED TRADES BC ACT RECEIVES ROYAL ASSENT

Further to the *Legislative Briefing* titled [Skilled Trades BC Act Introduced into Legislation](#), published on February 24, 2022, [Bill 4 – 2022: Skilled Trades BC Act](#) received royal assent on March 10, 2022.

### Skilled Trades Certification

Skilled trades certification will require individuals to register as an apprentice or be a certified journeyman to work in one of the [10 initial automotive, electrical, or mechanical trades](#).

Certification for these initial trades will be done in phases between 2022 and 2024. Individuals will have at least one year to register as an apprentice or challenge an exam to certify as a journeyman, allowing uncertified workers time to access additional supports they may need while continuing to work.

Apprenticeship advisors will be available to help workers register to certify and assist them in accessing government support such as financial assistance for child care, lost wages, travel, and living expenses. The Province is also providing funding to help address waiting lists for priority programs so that more tradespeople can access training or upgrading and refresher courses to complete apprenticeship training and certification.

For employers, the [Industry Training Authority](#) is recommending that they prepare for implementation by registering any unregistered apprentices. This can be done online or by mail and Apprenticeship Advisors are available for support. Further information is available at [itabc.ca](#).

Additional information can be found in the [BC Government News Release](#).

### QUESTIONS?

If you have any comments or questions about this update, please e-mail [RES360@metrovancover.org](mailto:RES360@metrovancover.org) or call 604-451-6558.

### SOURCES

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