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SKILLED TRADES CERTIFICATION

Further to the December 6, 2022 *Legislative Briefing*, [Skilled Trades BC Act](#), the Province has [announced](#) the next step to strengthen skilled trades for workers and businesses. SkilledTradesBC (formally *Industry Training Authority*) has a new process in place to identify potential trades to be designated for skilled trades certification.

Skilled Trades Certification

SkilledTradesBC has introduced a new process for industries to nominate trades to be considered as a Skilled Trades Certification trade. **Starting today and until June 30, 2023**, SkilledTradesBC is accepting applications from BC businesses, labour organizations, industry associations, Indigenous organizations and communities that work in, or have an interest in, the trades.

Applications should be submitted through the [SkilledTradesBC website](#). This website outlines the timelines and process of how SkilledTradesBC will evaluate applications based on specific criteria that will align with existing regulatory frameworks and similarities to existing certified trades. A maximum of ten trades will be selected from the applications to the detailed assessment phase.

In early 2024, SkilledTradesBC will make recommendations to the Province for trades to be considered for skilled trades certification. The [website](#) provides the following timeline for this application process:

STAGE	1 Application Period	2 Application Review	3 Detailed Assessment
DATES	May 11 to June 30	July 1 - August 31	September 1 - January 31
OBJECTIVES	Applications to nominate trades as Skilled Trades Certification trades open to the public.	SkilledTradesBC reviews and prioritizes applications for detailed assessment.	SkilledTradesBC completes a detailed assessment of prioritized trades, including implementation considerations. <small>Note: This work will form the basis for recommendations to the SkilledTradesBC Board of Directors and Government of B.C.</small>



Skilled Trades Certification Underway

In December 2022, it was confirmed that uncertified workers, in seven trades, have at least one year, starting December 1, 2022, to register as an apprentice or pass a certification exam to become a certified journeyman. The seven trades included are:

- Four mechanical trades: gasfitter Class A and B, steamfitter/pipefitter, refrigeration and air-conditioning mechanic, and sheet-metal worker
- Three electrical trades: powerline technician, industrial electrician and electrician (construction)

It was also announced that three additional automotive trades (heavy-duty equipment technician, automotive service technician, and autobody and collision technician) will be phased in as skilled trades certification trades in 2024 and will have one year to transition once announced.

For additional information on this, please refer to the [December 2022 RES Legislative Briefing](#).

QUESTIONS?

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

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