



*LBS Apprenticeship Curriculum 2015 - Updated 2023 as part of CLO's Skills for Success initiative*

**Task Title: Read and comprehend the article *Trades Overview***

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**Learner Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Started (m/d/yyyy):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Completed (m/d/yyyy):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Task Description:** The learner will read a short article to learn about apprenticeship in Ontario.

**Competency:** A: Find and Use Information, B: Communicate Ideas and Information

**Task Groups:** A1: Read continuous text, B2: Write continuous text

**Level Indicators:**

- A1.2: Read texts to locate and connect ideas and information
- B2.1: Write brief texts to convey simple ideas and factual information
- B2.2: Write texts to explain and describe information and ideas

## Trades Overview

### How are the trades organized?

Ontario has apprenticeship programs for more than 140 trades and occupations. The trades are organized into 4 trade sectors:

- Construction
- Industrial
- Motive
- Service

**Construction Trades** involve building, inspecting and maintaining structures and related properties. Some examples of construction trades are carpenters and electricians.

**Industrial Trades** involve the production of goods used in manufacturing and construction. Some examples of industrial trades are machinists and metal fabricators.

**Motive Trades** involve working with moving machines. Some examples of motive power trades are automotive and truck technicians.

**Service Trades** involve the sale and delivery of a product between a producer and a consumer. Some examples of service trades are hairstylists and bakers.

There are many different trades within each sector.

### What is a compulsory vs. a non-compulsory trade?

Not all trades are compulsory. You can work in some trades without completing an apprenticeship and getting a Certificate of Qualification. These are considered non-compulsory trades. However, apprenticeship programs are still available for many non-compulsory trades.

23 of the trades are currently compulsory. In order to work in these 23 trades, an individual must either be registered as an apprentice or be a licensed journeyman with a Certificate of Qualification. A Certificate of Qualification is available in many of the non-compulsory trades as well. It's beneficial to earn this certification even if the trade is non-compulsory because:

- You have a better chance of getting a job in your field. It proves you have the skills to do the job. Some employers looking for workers in non-compulsory trades will only interview people with a Certificate of Qualification.
- You have a better chance of promotion or a better job. Certified journeymen in non-compulsory trades are generally higher in demand and paid better than uncertified workers.

## Learner Information and Work Sheet

Individuals interested in employment in the trades read various articles and information about apprenticeship.

**Task 1: List the 4 different apprenticeship trade sectors.**

Answer:

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**Task 2: Which sector do hairstylists belong to?**

Answer:

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**Task 3: Write a short paragraph describing the difference between a compulsory trade and a non-compulsory trade.**

Answer:

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