

Apprenticeship Explained

What is apprenticeship?

Apprenticeship is the process of skills training whereby the student (apprentice) receives certification through a combination of on-the-job and in-class training. Apprentices typically spend 85% of their time learning outside of the classroom in a paid position. Search Saskatchewan Apprenticeship for more info.

Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship program (SYA)

Explore the skilled trades and receive advanced standing as an apprentice. Students complete 12 challenges (assignments) to earn 300 hours of trade time credit for any apprenticeship trade. Other benefits are the waiving of registration fee (\$250), free Level I technical training tuition if applicable (\$110 per week) and the opportunity for a \$1000 scholarship. See your PAA teacher or principal to sign up.

Apprenticeship credit

Students can obtain apprenticeship credits (Apprenticeship A20, B20, A30 & B30) provided they sign up for the program before being employed in a paid position under the supervision of a certified journeyperson. Students complete 100 hours of work, which are credited towards their apprenticeship hours. Search PSSD website under Students. You can also get credit for time spent working with a journeyperson using for 6A (Verification of Trade Experience) to track the time you've worked in a specific trade while in high school.

Two Paths - Same Destination

Saskatchewan Polytechnic Pre-Employment Route

Student enrolls in and completes the Polytechnic Pre-Employment program.

Student applies for employment in the chosen trade and is hired. The apprenticeship contract is signed and submitted to SK Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission (SATCC). Advanced standing is recognized for the Pre-Employment program.

Hours of work the apprentice completes are submitted and when notified by the SATCC, the apprentice completes the required in-class training at a technical institution.

Apprentice completes all required work hours and in-class training (as set by SATCC) and passes Journeyman exam.

Pure Apprenticeship Route

Student applies for employment in the chosen trade and is hired, OR student applies for membership in a union that connects students with potential employers. The apprenticeship contract is signed and submitted to SK Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission (SATCC).

Hours of work the apprentice completes are submitted and when notified by the SATCC, the apprentice completes the required in-class training at a technical institution.

Apprentice completes all required work hours and in-class training (as set by SATCC) and passes Journeyman exam.

Professional Journeyman Certification

Sept. 2023