

## Who can employ a RAP Apprentice?

Anyone who is a journeyman, or who employs a journeyman to provide supervision, is eligible to employ a RAP apprentice.

## How is a RAP apprentice 'signed up'?

1. Choose a trade and find an employer willing to hire a RAP apprentice.
2. Contact the RAP Coordinator at the local high school, or contact the nearest Career Development Centre.
3. Pick up an application form, available from the Career Development Centre. Complete the application form and return it to the Career Development Centre.
4. An apprenticeship contract is drawn up between the student and the employer and is registered with Advanced Education and Career Development . . . and the learning begins!
5. Advise the RAP coordinator when you have secured an apprenticeship to ensure that you earn credits toward your diploma

## For more information on apprenticing in a trade, contact any of the following:

- Your local high school work experience coordinator, counsellor or principal.
- The nearest Career Development Centre, Advanced Education and Career Development.
- The Career Information Hotline at 1-800-661-3753 (422-4266 in Edmonton).

There are 50 trades in Alberta, from agricultural mechanic to welder; baker to tilesetter. For a detailed list, see the brochure: *A Journey to Success: Apprenticeship Opportunities.*



STUDENT  
INFORMATION

# R A P

Registered  
Apprenticeship  
Program

for  
High School  
Students

*Become an apprentice,  
and finish your high school diploma  
through RAP!*

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# Learn a skill that lasts a lifetime . . . Apprentice in a Trade!

## ► Why Apprenticeship?

**Trades are Good Careers** – Trades provide opportunities. Apprenticeship training opens many doors.

**Earn While You Learn** – An apprentice earns a paycheque.

**Quality Training** – An apprentice receives up-to-date training, and develops marketable skills that industry needs.

**Earn a Certificate** – Completion of an apprenticeship program earns a Journeyman Certificate.

**Travel the World** – A Journeyman who passes the Interprovincial Standards (Red Seal) exam can work in other provinces and in other countries.

## ► What is RAP?

**RAP – the Registered Apprenticeship Program** – is a modified apprenticeship program that permits a high school student to become an apprentice while attending high school.

A RAP apprentice accumulates hours of on the job training as credit toward his or her apprenticeship, and credit toward a high school diploma, or certificate of achievement. After graduating from high school a RAP apprentice can become a full-time apprentice.

A RAP apprentice is a full-time high school student

A RAP apprentice must be paid at least minimum wage.

## ► Why RAP?

RAP offers an enriched high school education and provides an opportunity to learn the skills industry needs.

Also, RAP allows a student to stay in school while starting a career, and provides an opportunity to “earn while you learn.”

Students can register for up to eight RAP courses in each trade. Each course is worth 5 credits and requires 125 hours of on the job learning.

## ► How much time does a RAP Apprentice spend “on the job”?

The hours of work are flexible, and are determined by the employer, the student and the school. Some options might be:

- working as a RAP apprentice for one school semester, going to school the other;
- working as a RAP apprentice for a half day, attending school for a half day;

- working as a RAP apprentice during the summer months, holidays and weekends, attending school during the regular school term; or
- working as a RAP apprentice one or two days a week; attending school on other days.

## ► What are the RAP apprentice’s responsibilities?

A RAP apprentice is interviewed and hired by an employer, and paid an apprentice wage. A RAP apprentice will be expected to be as productive as a regular apprentice, and will have the same responsibilities as a regular apprentice.

RAP is “real world” training.

## ► What are the employer’s responsibilities?

The employer provides a RAP apprentice with trade-specific on the job training, maintains the RAP apprentice’s record book, and maintains contact with the school.