

# FLOOR COVERING INSTALLER:

## *The Trade*



# APPRENTICESHIP

## *The Advantage*



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Flooring is an important investment by consumers in their homes or their workplaces. They demand quality products and expect quality installation.

The floor covering industry in Ontario believes an experienced and well-trained workforce is a guarantee of customer satisfaction, and a proven competitive advantage.

Workers know that apprenticeship is an effective way to learn and gain entry into one of many highly-fulfilling careers, and it also formally recognizes their skills.

### *The Program*

Working with the Ministry of Education and Training, the industry has developed an apprenticeship program for floor covering installers, and a set of training standards describing the skills required of a qualified person in the trade.

### *The Apprenticeship*

Apprentices learn to prepare existing floors for new coverings. They cut, fit and install or repair underlay and flooring materials such as carpeting, resilient tile, sheet goods and wood. Apprentices are usually employed by floor covering installation contractors.

An apprenticeship is an agreement between a person who wants to learn a skilled trade and an employer who is willing to assume responsibility for workplace training.

A floor covering installer apprenticeship takes about four years and combines on-the-job training by qualified journeypersons with classroom training provided by community colleges and other approved facilities.

In-school training offers basic and advanced courses of 10 weeks each for a total of 600 hours (30 hours per week). Topics include: *Trade Calculations, Blueprint Reading and Layout, Trade Theory and Trade Practice*. On-the-job training lasts for 5,400 hours and includes the installation of: *Carpeting, Resilient Flooring and Hardwood Flooring*.

Once training is completed, a Certificate of Apprenticeship is awarded by the Ministry of Education and Training.

### *The Future*

*Floor Covering Installer* will become one of 70 trades with an Ontario regulation. A Certificate of Qualification will also be available to apprentices who complete the program.

Plans are also underway for the trade of *Floor Covering Installer* to join the Interprovincial Standards Program, or "Red Seal," which allows skilled workers to move from one province to another in Canada and have their skills recognized.

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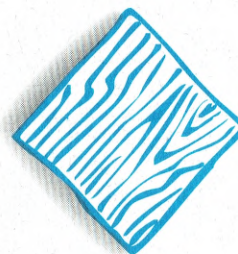
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