

## Barber Apprenticeship Program

### Barber Journeyman Certificate Overview

- 12-month apprenticeship program, includes 10 weeks of technical training.
- Minimum of 1,450 hours of on-the-job training.
- Hairstylist and barber programs share common first period of technical training including the required theory and practical exams.
- Full program information is available on [Tradesecrets.alberta.ca/barber](https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/barber).

The barber apprenticeship program is not a Red Seal trade. Barber apprentices are not eligible for federal and some provincial support programs that are available to hairstylists. Learn more about [financial assistance options for apprentices](#).

The barber certification is only valid in limited provinces/territories. Submit all hairstylist or barber credentials with the province/territory you are applying to work in. Learn more about [apprentice mobility across Canada](#).

### Technical Training Information

Technical training for the hairstylist and barber apprenticeship programs are delivered at Delmar and MC College. Refer to the [Technical Catalogue on Tradesecrets](#) for the current list of hairstylist technical training classes.

To receive advanced standing towards Alberta's barber apprenticeship program, it is the responsibility of the student to confirm that the program they are attending (e.g. pre-employment or barber school) is at an Approved Private Trade School, recognized by Alberta's Hairstylist Provincial Apprenticeship Committee.

Please contact Apprenticeship and Industry Training (AIT) to see if your school has been approved to provide barber classroom training.

### What type of work is a barber able to perform and how is it different from a hairstylist?

The tasks that barbers are able to perform include: shampooing, cutting, shaving, and trimming. These tasks can be performed on males or females. Barbers also perform administrative duties and can recommend hairstyles.

Hairstylists are able to do all of the tasks of a barber, but they are able to perform additional tasks such as: perms, colouring, extensions, wigs and hairpieces. A revised [hairstylist trade regulation](#) provides details on the scope of practice for both the hairstylist program and new barber branch.

Information about the hairstylist apprenticeship program is available on [Tradesecrets.alberta.ca](https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca).

### Can I transfer my current hairstylist apprenticeship into the barber program?

Yes. Hairstylist apprentices can transfer into the barber program. The process is different depending on when you completed the first period of technical training.

More information on [transferring to the barber program](#) is available here.

### How does supervision over a barber apprentice work?

One certified trades person (barber or hairstylist) can supervise two apprentices at one time. A certified barber can supervise and sign-off on the duties outlined in the first period of the Hairstylist and Barber Record Book. Only a certified hairstylist is qualified to sign-off on work representing the full scope of the hairstylist trade.

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## How do I know if a barber school is approved to help me earn my Alberta Barber Journeyman Certificate?

Technical training for the hairstylist and barber apprenticeship programs are currently delivered at Delmar and MC College. Refer to the [Technical Catalogue on Tradesecrets](#) for the current list of technical training classes. Barber technical training schedules will be available in May.

Other barber and hairstylist schools are able to teach the barber course outline, but they need to be an Approved Private Trade School for students to apply credit (advanced standing) towards the Alberta Barber Journeyman Certificate.

It is the responsibility of the student to confirm that they are attending an Approved Private Trade School. If you are unsure about your barber or hairstylist school being an Approved Private Trade School with Apprenticeship and Industry Training (AIT), please [contact an AIT office near you](#).

## Is it possible to challenge the barber certificate instead of going back to school?

Yes. Although it is highly recommended to complete an apprenticeship program to earn certification, experienced barbers and hairstylists can apply to obtain a Qualification Certificate.

Complete the [Barber Trades Qualifier Based on Work Experience](#) application, provide a minimum of 18 months and 2,175 hours of on-the-job work experience and complete all program requirements.

## Important Links

### Barber Apprenticeship Program

<https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/trades-occupations/profiles/0425/>

### Barber Trade Regulation

[http://www.qp.alberta.ca/1266.cfm?page=2020\\_003.cfm&leg\\_type=Regs&isbncln=9780779815968](http://www.qp.alberta.ca/1266.cfm?page=2020_003.cfm&leg_type=Regs&isbncln=9780779815968)

### Hairstylist Apprenticeship Program

<https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/trades-occupations/profiles/0421/>

### Technical Training Catalogue

<https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/technical-training-centre/technical-training-class-schedules/>

### Apprentice Mobility Protocol

<https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/learn-on-the-job/apprentice-mobility-and-trade-harmonization/apprentice-mobility/>

### Financial Assistance for Apprentices

<https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/financial-assistance/>

### Trades Qualifier Program

<https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/experiencedworkers/trades-qualifier-work-experience-program-minimum-requirements/>

### Personal Services Regulations and Standards

<https://www.alberta.ca/personal-services-regulation-and-standards.aspx>

For more information visit [tradesecrets.alberta.ca](https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca)

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