

Apprenticeship Program Annual Update 2025-26

Automotive Service Technician

Automotive Service Technician (AST) Apprenticeship Education Program (AEP) Overview



Consists of four periods of training at 9 weeks each.



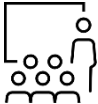
All periods consist of 1530 on-the-job instruction hours.



All periods of classroom instruction training are offered at seven Post-Secondary Institutes (PSIs)



The AEP was last updated in 2026.



Post-secondary institutions, unions or associations may offer other programs related to the AST AEP. Contact your local post-secondary institution, union or association for offerings and availability

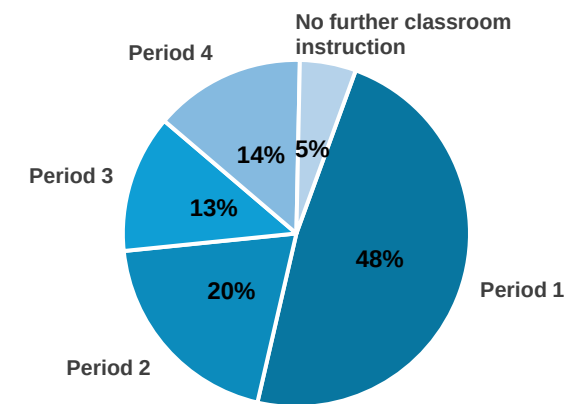
Helpful Tradesecrets Links for Apprentices

- **AST trade profile:** a detailed overview of the trade, giving a clear picture of what the trade involves, how training works, and what certification requires.
- **Classroom Instruction:** provides detailed information on training content, enrollment, attendance expectations, delivery methods, and the policies apprentices must follow.
- **Class Catalogue:** an online tool that lets apprentices look up all available apprenticeship training classes for their specific trade and training year.
- **Apprenticeship Awards and Scholarships:** information on financial support for apprentices and high-school students entering or progressing through the trades.

2025-26 Alberta AST Statistics

Registered Apprentices by Period (as of August 28, 2026)

Percentage Breakdown



Number of Apprentices Per Period

Period 1	2726
Period 2	1122
Period 3	729
Period 4	799
No Further Classroom Instruction Required	297

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Apprentices by Office

Trade	Bonnyville	Calgary	Edmonton	Fort McMurray	Grande Prairie	Hinton	Lethbridge	Medicine Hat	Peace River	Red Deer	Slave Lake	Vermillion	Trade Total
AST	109	1864	2117	132	256	134	197	135	75	394	98	119	5673

Apprenticeship and Industry Training (AIT) Exams Pass Rates

Provincial pass rates and exam averages between August 1st, 2025, and August 28th, 2026.

Exam	Pass	Fail	Supplemental	Total
Entrance Exam	228	233	0	461
Period 1	578	273	312	1163
Period 2	454	180	231	865
Period 3	428	15	47	490
Period 4	359	20	38	417
Total trade	2047	721	628	3396

Interprovincial Red Seal Program

AST is a [Red Seal trade](#) and is designated in all 10 provinces in Canada. The current Red Seal Occupational Standard was finalized in 2023.

AST Red Seal Alberta Results

The Red Seal exam results for Alberta between January 1st, 2025, and December 31, 2025.

Red Seal Exams	Pass	Fail	Total
Interprovincial (Red Seal) Program	450	57	507
Trade Qualifier Program	120	170	290
Total trade	570	227	797

Red Seal Endorsements*	2022	2023	2024	2025
Apprentices issued Red Seal Endorsements	362	370	367	283
Other Individuals issued Red Seal Endorsements	24	58	65	105
Total trade	386	428	432	388

**Note: Red Seal endorsements are also issued to individuals other than those who have completed the Alberta apprenticeship program. The number includes individuals issued a Red Seal endorsement who were certified through Alberta's Trade Qualifier Program or industry training and certification program, and to individuals who successfully completed the interprovincial examination in Alberta rather than in the jurisdiction in which they were originally certified.*

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Directing the Future of Alberta Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship

Apprenticeship education and the direction of the skilled trades in Alberta is a partnership between apprentices, employers, industry, training providers and government. The Alberta Board of Skilled Trades and the My Skilled Trades Network are two groups with responsibilities for directing the future.

Alberta Board of Skilled Trades (ABST)

ABST is responsible for advising the Minister of Advanced Education on the direction of Alberta's designated trades certification system. To learn more about ABST and its members, visit [ABST](#).

My Skilled Trades Network (MySTN)

MySTN is the AIT consultation network where experienced tradespeople can volunteer to provide feedback that helps shape apprenticeship education, exams, and training resources. It is hosted on the Tradesecrets website and is open to anyone with experience in an Alberta designated trade. To apply to join the network at learn more, visit [MySTN](#).

We value your feedback!

If you have specific feedback about this trade you want to share with us, please email

TradeIndustryFeedback@gov.ab.ca

and include the trade name in the subject line.