

Apprenticeship Program Annual Update 2025-26 Barber

Barber Apprenticeship Education Program (AEP) Overview

	Consists of one period of training.		Includes 1450 on-the-job instruction hours and 10 weeks of classroom instruction.
	First period of classroom instruction is common for the hairstylist and barber trades and is offered at two contracted institutions as well as other private career colleges across the province.		The trade shows strong front-end growth, with most apprentices in Period 1, alongside a significant group who have completed classroom training, indicating a steady progression to workforce readiness.
	The apprenticeship education program last updated in 2020. It is scheduled for a revision process beginning in 2027 for implementation in 2029.		

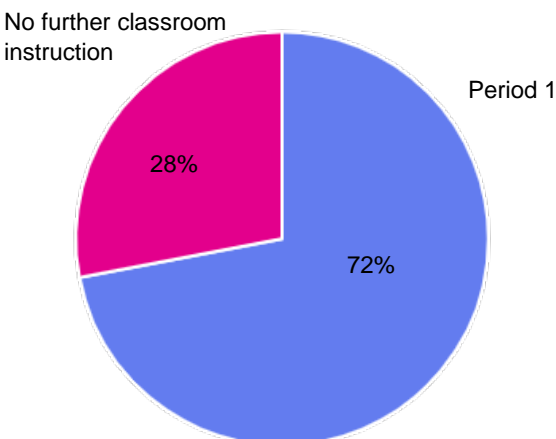
Helpful Tradesecrets Links for Apprentices

- **Barber 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 Barber Statistics

Registered Apprentices by Period (as of June 8, 2026)

Percentage Breakdown



Number of Apprentices Per Period

Period 1	518
No Further Classroom Instruction Required	201

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Apprentices by Office

Trade	Bonnyville	Calgary	Edmonton	Fort McMurray	Grande Prairie	Hinton	Inter-provincial Services (IS)	Lethbridge	Medicine Hat	Peace River	Red Deer	Slave Lake	Vermillion	Trade Total
Barber	4	376	251	2	13	10	0	13	9	1	34	2	4	719

Apprenticeship and Industry Training (AIT) Exams Pass Rates

Below are the pass rates and exam averages from across the province from January 1, 2026, to June 8, 2026:

Exam	Pass	Fail	Supplemental	Total
Entrance Exam	0	2	0	2
Period 1	3	0	0	3
Practical Assessment	3	0	0	3
Prior Learning Assessment	24	17	0	41
Practical Assessment	14	1	0	15
Total trade	44	20	0	64

Trade Qualification Program

The Qualification Program exam results for Alberta are as follows (January 1, 2025, to February 12, 2026):

Trade Qualification Program	Pass	Fail	Supplemental	Total
Theory Exam	50	46	0	96
Practical Assessment	42	8	0	50
Total trade	92	54	0	146

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](https://www.abst.ca).

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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

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and include the trade name in the subject line.