







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Hairstylist Apprenticeship Education Program (AEP) Overview

 <p>Consists of two periods of training.</p>	 <p>Both periods consist of 1450 on-the-job instruction hours and 10 weeks of classroom instruction.</p>
 <p>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.</p>	 <p>Province-wide consultation is underway to gather feedback on changing the Hairstylist restricted activities and the trades certification standards.</p>
 <p>The apprenticeship education program was last updated in 2020. It is scheduled for a revision process beginning in 2027 for implementation</p>	 <p>A revised Red Seal Occupational Standard and updated Red Seal examinations are planned for release in spring 2028. The practical assessment component for the hairstylist Red Seal endorsement will be discontinued.</p>

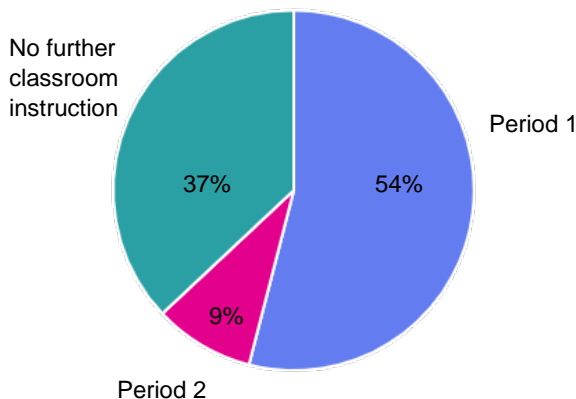
Helpful Tradesecrets Links for Apprentices

- **Hairstylist 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 Hairstylist Statistics

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

Percentage Breakdown



Number of Apprentices Per Period

Period 1	2309
Period 2	401
No Further Classroom Instruction Required	1551

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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
Hairstylist	48	1741	1532	32	156	60	1	227	96	41	245	29	53	4261

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	5	0	5
Period 1 Theory	173	52	2	227
Period 1 Practical Assessment	164	24	1	189
Period 2 Theory	167	42	4	213
Period 2 Practical Assessment	124	8	4	136
Total trade	628	131	11	770

AIT High School Apprenticeship Pathways

Below are the number of new Registered Apprentice Program (RAP) and Career and Technology Studies (CTS) high school participants in 2024 – 2025.

High School Pathway 2024-2025	RAP	CTS	Total
Total New	157	22	159

Source: Alberta Advanced Education, Alberta Skilled Trades and Partnerships

Total number of high school apprentices registered in the RAP (Registered Apprenticeship Program) as of July 31, 2025.

Interprovincial Red Seal Program

Hairstylist is a Red Seal trade and is designated in all 10 provinces and three territories in Canada. The current Red Seal Occupational Standard was finalized in 2025.

Hairstylist Red Seal Alberta Results

The Red Seal exam results for Alberta are as follows (January 1, 2026, to June 8, 2026).

Trade Qualifier Program	Pass	Fail	Supplemental	Total
Theory Exams*	21	34	0	55
Practical Assessments	38	6	0	44
Total trade	59	40	0	99

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Red Seal Endorsements	2022	2023	2024	2025
Apprentices issued Red Seal Endorsements	113	248	107	166
Other Individuals issued Red Seal Endorsements	38	10	7	0
Total trade	151	258	114	166

**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.*

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

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and include the trade name in the subject line.