

Apprenticeship Program Annual Update 2025-26

Crane and Hoisting Equipment Operator - Mobile Crane

Mobile Crane Operator Apprenticeship Education Program (AEP) Overview

	Consists of 3 periods of training, with 2 nd Period being on-the-job work experience hours only.		Both 1 st and 3 rd periods consist of 1620 on-the-job instruction hours. 2 nd Period consists of 1800 on-the-job hours.
	All periods of classroom instruction training are offered at the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 955, NAIT and SAIT.		The AEP was last updated in 2022. It is scheduled for a revision process beginning in 2029 for implementation in 2031.
	Post-secondary institutions, unions or associations may offer other programs related to the Mobile Crane Operator AEP. Contact your local post-secondary institution, union or association for offerings and availability		

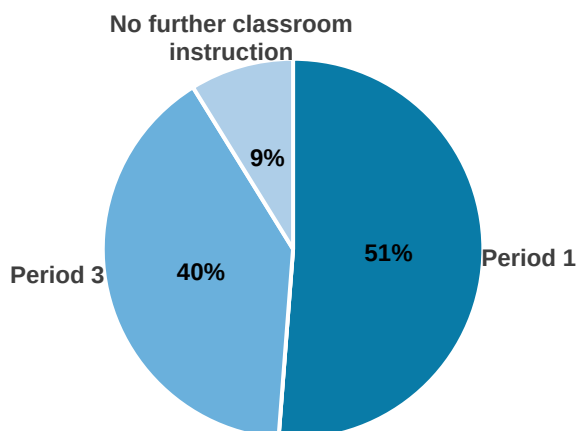
Helpful Tradesecrets Links for Apprentices

- **Mobile Crane Operator 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 Mobile Crane Operator Statistics

Registered Apprentices by Period (as of October 6, 2026)

Percentage Breakdown



Number of Apprentices Per Period

Period 1	482
Period 2	0 (on-the-job only)
Period 3	376
No Further Classroom Instruction Required	83

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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
Mobile Crane Operator	13	169	500	49	78	11	16	12	6	59	6	16	935

Apprenticeship and Industry Training (AIT) Exams Pass Rates

Provincial pass rates and exam averages between October 6, 2024, and October 6, 2026.

Exam	Pass	Fail	Supplemental	Total
Entrance Exam	23	9	0	32
Period 1 Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Theory Exam1	25	10	0	35
Period 1 PLA Theory Exam 2	23	28	0	51
Qualification Period 1 Theory Exam 1	4	7	0	11
Qualification Period 1 Practical Exam 1	8	0	0	8
Technical Training Period 1 Theory Exam 1	242	17	9	268
Technical Training Period 1 Theory Exam 2	236	23	26	285
Period 3 PLA Theory Exam 1	9	9	0	18
Period 3 PLA Theory Exam 2	8	15	0	23
Technical Training Period 3 Theory Exam 1	251	13	22	286
Technical Training Period 3 Theory Exam 2	246	15	32	293
Interprovincial Exam Theory 1	237	43	0	91
Total trade	1312	189	89	1401

Interprovincial Red Seal Program

Mobile Crane Operator is a [Red Seal trade](#) and is designated in all 10 provinces in Canada. The current Red Seal Occupational Standard was finalized in 2022.

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Mobile Crane Operator Red Seal Alberta Results

The Red Seal exam results for Alberta between October 6, 2024, and October 6, 2026:

Red Seal Exams	Pass	Fail	Total
Interprovincial (Red Seal) Program	237	43	280
Trade Qualifier Program	4	7	11
Total trade	241	50	291

Red Seal Endorsements*	2022	2023	2024	2025
Apprentices issued Red Seal Endorsements	62	61	67	70
Other Individuals issued Red Seal Endorsements	2	3	5	3
Total trade	64	64	72	73

**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 and 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.