



Frequently Asked Questions

Why are the Trades Entrance Requirements being changed?

The high school courses currently required are higher than the NWT's graduation requirements and are therefore creating barriers to accessing careers in the trades. While all students are encouraged to complete the high school graduation requirements, amending the Trades Entrance Requirements will reduce barriers to entry into the trades in the NWT and better align the NWT to Alberta's Trade Entrance Requirements.

When will the changes take effect?

The changes to the requirements will be effective in January 2022.

Are the requirements the same for every trade?

Each designated trade in the NWT has specific educational requirements that prospective apprentices must meet before signing an apprenticeship contract. The Trades Entrance Requirements require one of three options:

- 1) the completion of specific high school courses;
- 2) a mark of 70% or higher in the Trades Entrance Exam; or
- 3) completion of all five Canadian General Educational Development (GED) tests

How many times can I challenge the Entrance Exam?

You may write the entrance exam until a passing mark is achieved. After the second failed attempt, an educational preparation plan will be developed with your Career Development Officer (CDO) to ensure you are provided with support in the areas where you are struggling. Once the CDO and you feel you are better prepared, you may write the exam again.

If I want to enter an apprenticeship, who should I talk to?

If you are interested in an apprenticeship, visit your regional ECE Service Centre and speak with a Career Development Officer. If you are in high school, speak with your Schools North Apprenticeship Program (SNAP) Administrator or Career and Education Advisor (CEA).

Do I need to provide high school transcripts when applying for the Apprenticeship program?

If you graduated high school in the last ten years and want to be exempt from writing the Trades Entrance Exam, you must provide high school transcripts.

If you graduated more than ten years ago or do not meet the current minimum requirements, a Trades Entrance Exam will need to be written.

What kind of support can I get to prepare for the Trades Entrance Exams?

There are many resources available for potential apprentices. Resources can be found at <http://www.gov.nt.ca/apprenticeship>.

You should contact [your regional ECE Service Centre](#) to see how they can help you succeed in an apprenticeship program.