

COURSE A1.2 GRANTS

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A. TOOLS GRANT

The Tools Grant is a non-repayable grant for apprentices to use towards the purchase of tools, such as a scissors, or any other tools that are expensive to buy and clothing for the hairstylist trade. As a hairstylist apprentice, this \$400 grant will help you pay for tools and equipment.

To qualify for the grant, you must have:

- ▶ Completed, or been exempted from, level one in-class training, on or after April 1, 2020
- ▶ A registered training agreement
- ▶ Been registered as an apprentice for at least 12 months



How to apply

The Ministry will send an email with an application link to all apprentices who are eligible to apply for this provincial grant. You can also [apply online](#) if you believe you qualify for the grant.



B. APPRENTICE DEVELOPMENT BENEFIT

The Apprentice Development Benefit provides financial assistance for traditional apprentices only while they are attending full-time, in-class training. These costs can include:

- ▶ Basic living expenses
- ▶ Dependent care
- ▶ Commuting and travel
- ▶ Expenses for living away from home
- ▶ Special assistance for persons with disabilities

Eligibility : To qualify for the benefit, you must have:

- ▶ Attended class on a full-time basis
- ▶ Registered as an apprentice with the ministry



How to apply

When you begin your in-class training, you will be provided with:

- ▶ An application package that includes instructions about how to apply
- ▶ The application form.

If you have started your training and did not receive the package, please contact your local Ontario Apprenticeship Office to speak with an Employment Training Consultant.

C. GRANT FOR APPRENTICE LEARNING

Starting April 1, 2022, Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development is merging the Grant for Apprenticeship Learning with the Apprenticeship Development Benefit.

You can still apply for the Grant for Apprentice Learning to receive up to \$3,600 if:

- ▶ You did not qualify for EI while attending full-time training
- ▶ Your class started Level 1 before April 1, 2022

Otherwise, as a traditional apprentice, you may apply for the Apprenticeship Development Benefit.

The Ministry will send you a grant application when you complete one level of your classroom training. You have 180 days from the last day of class for that particular level to apply. If you did not receive the package, please contact your local Ontario Apprenticeship Office to speak with an Employment Training Consultant.

D. APPRENTICESHIP INCENTIVE GRANT (AIG)

From: Employment and Social Development Canada

These are taxable cash grants of \$1,000 per year, up to a maximum of \$2000 per person, for those who are out of high school and training in a Red Seal trade such as the hairstylist.

- To qualify for the first grant, you must:
 - ▶ Have been a registered apprentice for at least 12 months
 - ▶ Have passed your first level of classroom training in the traditional pathway.
- To qualify for the second Apprenticeship Incentive Grant, you must:

- ▶ Have been a registered apprentice for at least 24 months
- ▶ Have passed your second level of classroom training in the traditional pathway.
 - In both cases applicants who are permanent residents or have protected status must also provide the listed documents [here](#).

Online, by mail or in-person application types are available. Submit your online application on [the Apprenticeship Incentive Grant](#) page on the Service Canada website.



Deadline to apply Your deadline is 12 months following your date of progression. You apply to the federal government for both of these grants. Learn more about qualifying and applying for the Apprenticeship Incentive Grant.

E. APPRENTICESHIP COMPLETION GRANT (ACG)

This one-time \$2,000 taxable cash grant is available to those who are out of high school and training in a Red Seal trade.

To qualify, you must have gotten your Certificate of Apprenticeship and your Certificate of Qualification on or after January 1, 2009.

Deadline to apply

- ▶ If you progressed in 2021 your deadline is: June 30, 2022
- ▶ If you progressed on or after January 1, 2022, your deadline is: 12 months following your date of progression

You apply to the federal government for this grant. Submit your online application on the [Apprenticeship Completion Grant](#) page on the Service Canada website.

F. CANADA-ONTARIO JOB GRANT (COJG)

The Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development offers the Canada-Ontario Job Grant (COJG) for the training and skill development of employees (including apprentices). As an apprentice, your application has to be done by your sponsor/mentor,

and there are specific criteria for eligible training organizations. It can be a good opportunity to cover your training expenses. Please check the following [link](#) at the Ministry website to learn more about the COJG grant.

G. APPLICATION STEPS FOR APPRENTICESHIP INCENTIVE GRANT(AIG) / APPRENTICESHIP COMPLETION GRANT(ACG)

Step 1- Gather your supporting documents:

You will need to provide supporting documents (your Certificate of Apprenticeship and your Certificate of Qualification) in order for Service Canada to make a decision on your application.

If you do not have your supporting documents, contact local

apprenticeship office. **However, please submit your application to secure your submission date.**

If Service Canada does not receive your documents within 28 days of your application submission, your application will be marked as incomplete. This means that you will not receive a decision on your file, until you submit your supporting documents.

Step 2- Gather your personal information

Make sure you have all of the information listed below to complete your application:

- ▶ Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- ▶ Provincial apprentice ID number
- ▶ Banking information for direct deposit



Step 3- Complete your online application

Visit [this site](#) to start the online application. If you have your supporting documents electronically, submit them with your application.

It takes an estimated 28 calendar days for Service Canada to make

a decision and to process your application. Estimated processing times only apply to application that are complete, do not have errors, and include all required supporting documents

Applying [online](#) takes about 30 minutes.



Step 4- Submit your supporting documents online, by mail or in person

Before submitting your supporting documents, ensure that you have previously submitted an application. Service Canada must receive your supporting documents within 28 days of submitting your application by 1 of the 3 options below.

► Online:

[Submit your supporting documents online](#)

► By Mail:

Apprentices registered in Ontario:

Apprenticeship Grants Eastern
Processing Centre
Service Canada Centre
139 Douglastown Blvd
Miramichi NB E1V 0A4

► **In person:** You may visit one of the [174 Service Canada Offices](#) across Ontario and hand in your supporting documents in person.



H. CANADA APPRENTICE LOAN

The Government of Canada is committed to supporting registered apprentices throughout their training. The Canada Apprentice Loan can help you get the money you need to achieve your goals.

What you need to know:

▶ The Government of Canada offers apprentices registered in a Red Seal Trade apprenticeship program up to \$4,000 per period of technical training.

- ▶ You can get Canada Apprentice Loans for up to 5 periods of technical training.
- ▶ Your loan will be interest-free for up to 6 years as long as you are confirmed as being registered in a Red Seal Trade apprenticeship program.
- ▶ You do not have to make any loan payments as long as your loan is in interest-free status.

Eligibility:

To be eligible, you must meet all of these criteria:

- ▶ Be a Canadian Citizen, Permanent Resident, or Protected Person;
- ▶ Be registered in a Red Seal Trade apprenticeship program (hairstylist);



- ▶ Be enrolled in block release technical training or the equivalent full-time technical training with an approved technical training provider; and
 - ▶ Pass a credit check (required if you are applying for the first time).
- You are not eligible if you:
- ▶ Are a high school student;
 - ▶ Are receiving a Canada Student Loan for the same technical training;
 - ▶ Have been told that you are restricted from receiving a Canada Apprentice Loan or a Canada Student Loan;
 - ▶ Have already received funding for 5 periods of technical training; or
 - ▶ Have already received 6 years of interest-free status.

Applying online for a Canada Apprentice Loan:

Below are the steps to follow when applying for a Canada Apprentice Loan:

- ▶ Check the listed criteria above to see if you are eligible for a Canada Apprentice Loan.
- ▶ Register for a [Canada Apprentice Loan online service account](#).
- ▶ Apply Online.
 - Include your banking information to get your money faster.
 - Agree to the Terms and Conditions of applying for and receiving a Canada Apprentice Loan.

- ▶ Submit your application.
 - You can check your application status online through your Canada Apprentice Loan online service account.
 - The Canada Apprentice Loan online service will communicate important updates to you about your application status.

Application Deadlines

The earliest you can apply for a Canada Apprentice Loan is 3 months before your technical training starts. The latest you can apply for a Canada Apprentice Loan is the last day of your technical training.



For Your Information on [Apprenticeship Incentive Grant for Women](#)

The Government of Canada announced a new Apprenticeship Incentive Grant for Women to further support women in entering, progressing, and completing their training in Red Seal trades where women are underrepresented.

The Hairstylist trade is **NOT** eligible for this grant.