



## Task Title: Read and Comprehend “Trades Overview” Article

### OALCF Cover Sheet – Learner Copy

**Learner Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Started:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Completed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Successful Completion:** Yes ☐ No ☐

**Goal Path:** Employment ☐ Apprenticeship ☐

Secondary School ☐ Post Secondary ☐ Independence ☐

**Task Description:** The learner will read a short article to learn about apprenticeships in Ontario.

#### Main Competency/Task Group/Level Indicator:

- Find and Use Information/Read continuous text/A1.2
- Communicate Ideas and Information/Write continuous text/B2.2

#### Materials Required:

- Pen/pencil and paper and/or digital device

## Learner Information

Trades are organized in different ways including by sector, or compulsory vs. non-compulsory trades. Learning more about these categories can help when researching a career in trades.

Read the article “Trades Overview”.

## Trades Overview

### How are the trades organized?

Ontario has apprenticeship programs for more than 140 trades and occupations. The trades are organized into 4 trade sectors: Construction, Motive, Industrial, and Service.

**Construction Trades** involve building, inspecting and maintaining structures and related properties. Some examples of construction trades are carpenters and electricians.

**Industrial Trades** involve the production of goods used in manufacturing and construction. Some examples of industrial trades are machinists and metal fabricators.

**Motive Trades** involve working with moving machines. Some examples of motive power trades are automotive and truck technicians.

**Service Trades** involve the sale and delivery of a product between a producer and a consumer. Some examples of service trades are hairstylists and bakers.

There are many different trades within each sector.

### What is a compulsory vs. a non-compulsory trade?

Not all trades are compulsory. You can work in some trades without completing an apprenticeship and getting a Certificate of Qualification. These are considered non-compulsory trades. However, apprenticeship programs are still available for many non-compulsory trades.

Twenty-three of the trades are currently compulsory. To work in these 23 trades, an individual must either be registered as an apprentice or be a licensed journeyperson with a Certificate of Qualification (CoQ). A CoQ is available in many of the non-compulsory trades as well. It's beneficial to earn this certification even if the trade is non-compulsory because:

- You have a better chance of getting a job in your field. It proves you have the skills to do the job. Some employers looking for workers in non-compulsory trades will only interview people with a Certificate of Qualification.
- You have a better chance of promotion or a better job. Certified journeypersons in non-compulsory trades are generally higher in demand and paid better than uncertified workers.

## Work Sheet

**Task 1: How many trades and occupations does Ontario have apprenticeship programs for?**

Answer:

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**Task 2: List the four different apprenticeship trade sectors.**

Answer:

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**Task 3: Which sector do hairstylists belong to?**

Answer:

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**Task 4: In your own words, write a short paragraph describing the difference between a compulsory trade and a non-compulsory trade.**

Answer:

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