

# Resource sector seeks human resources

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B.C.'s resource sector wants you, and offers you four ways to land a high-paying trades job in the sector. The Resource Training Organization, based in Langley, lists the following tips on its [www.tradesrock.com](http://www.tradesrock.com) website:

-High school is a good place to start planning your career. Do some research or ask your career educator about SSA Secondary School apprenticeship and/or Accelerated Credit Enrolment, which can give you a kick start in a trade of your choice through on-the-job and/or classroom based training. You can also earn credits toward graduation.

-Foundation programs are pre-apprentice programs which allow you to learn the basics of the trade of your choice as well as credits toward your Level 1 technical training should you decide to pursue the trade. If you want to try out a trade but aren't ready to commit to a full program, this may be the route for you. Foundation programs generally take a few months to complete and are offered at colleges throughout B.C.

-If you already know which trade you wish to pursue and have an employer to sponsor you, then you just need to register as an apprentice with the ITA (Industry Training Authority, [www.itabc.ca](http://www.itabc.ca)) along with your employer.

-You may have worked in your trade for several years but would like to be certified. You can register as an apprentice and get credit for hours and experience already completed. Visit ITA's [customerservice@itabc.ca](mailto:customerservice@itabc.ca) for more details.

The tradesrock website offers plenty of information of interest to the trades jobseeker, including a list of resource trades, online brochures, details on financial assistance available, testimonials and photo and video galleries.

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