



Locksmith

Guide to Course Content

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TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LOCKSMITH TRADE

To graduate from each level of the apprenticeship program, an apprentice must successfully complete the required technical training and compile enough on-the-job experience to total at least 1800 hours each year. Although technical training is three levels, the total trade time required is 7200 hours and at least 4 years in the trade. The three levels of technical training are delivered by Red Deer College in Red Deer, Alberta:

Level One: 8 weeks
 Level Two: 8 weeks
 Level Three: 8 weeks

Entrance Requirements for Apprenticeship Training

Your grade twelve transcripts (with no modified classes) or GED 12 is your guarantee that you meet the educational entrance requirements for apprenticeship in Saskatchewan. In fact, employers prefer and recommend apprentices who have completed high school. This ensures the individual has all of the necessary skills required to successfully complete the apprenticeship program and receive journeyman certification.

Individuals with “modified” or “general” classes in math or science do not meet our entry requirements. These individuals are required to take an entrance assessment prescribed by the SATCC.

English is the language of instruction in all apprenticeship programs and is the common language for business in Saskatchewan. Before admission, all apprentices and/or “upgraders” must be able to understand and communicate in the English language. Applicants whose first language is not English must have a minimum Canadian Language Benchmark Assessment of six (CLB6).

Note: A CLB assessment is valid for a one-year period from date of issue.

Designated Trade Name	Minimum Class Requirements		Recommended /Assets
	Mathematics (one of the following)	Science	
Locksmith	WA 10 or F 10 or P 10 or Math 10	10	3, 6, 7
<p>WA - Workplace and Apprenticeship; F – Foundations; P – Pre-calculus; 1 Biology 10; 2 Chemistry 20; 3 Physics 20; 4 Biology 30; 5 Chemistry 30; 6 Physics 30; 7 English and Math at Level 30</p>			

TECHNICAL TRAINING COURSE CONTENT

Technical Training is delivered out of province by Red Deer Polytechnic located in Red Deer, Alberta.

Level One

8 weeks

240 hours

Trade Skills, Safety and Business Applications

- Safety legislation, regulations and industry policy in the trades
 - Climbing, lifting, rigging and hoisting
 - Hazardous materials and fire protection
 - Apprenticeship training program
 - Codes, regulations and standard procedures
 - Inventory management
 - Customer service and sales
 - Reference materials
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Tools and Equipment

- Tools and equipment
 - Locksmithing tools
 - Commercial vehicle operation
 - Key cutting equipment
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Keys, Lock Cylinders, High Security and Open Ups

- Key duplication
 - Lock cylinders and high security
 - Lock cylinder service
 - Key origination
 - Open secured entry
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Vehicle and Equipment Lock Service

- Vehicle and equipment lock service
 - Automotive open ups
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Level Two**8 weeks****240 hours**

Master Key Systems

- Master key system design
 - Master key system implementation
 - Master key maintenance
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Hardware

- Locking hardware identification
 - Locking hardware installation
 - Locking hardware service
 - Non-locking hardware identification
 - Non-locking hardware installation
 - Non-locking hardware service
 - Commercial hardware identification
 - Commercial hardware installation
 - Commercial hardware service
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Doors and Barrier Free Systems

- Door installation
 - Door service
 - Barrier-free systems
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Level Three**8 weeks****240 hours**

Electric, Electronic and Electrified Components and Hardware

- Principles of electricity
- Electric, Electronic and Electrified Components and Hardware Identification
- Electric, Electronic and Electrified Components and Hardware Installation
- Electric, Electronic and Electrified Components and Hardware Service
- Access control system installation
- Access control system service

Safe and Vault Identification and Service

- Safe and vault identification
- Safe and vault service
- Safe installation
- Night depository service
- Safe deposit box lock service

Safe and Vault Opening

- Safe and vault open ups
- Safe deposit box opening

Institutions, Drawing Interpretation, Standards and Practices

- Institutional locks
- Drawing interpretation
- Security consultation
- Workplace coaching skills
- Alberta's industry network