

What is a...

CONSTRUCTION CRAFT WORKER?

The Construction & Specialized Workers' Union (CSWU) consists of over 6,500 members across British Columbia and the Yukon. Construction Craft Workers, also called Labourers, work in many different industries, including civil construction, road building, high-rise construction, demolition, dam and tunnel construction, pipelines and various others.

CONSTRUCTION CRAFT WORKER

- Handle, transport, and distribute construction materials
- Place, consolidate, and vibrate concrete
- Assemble and disassemble scaffolding and access structures
- Drill and blast rock
- Demolish buildings
- Install sewer and water mains and services
- Install hydro and telecommunication ducting
- Pour and assemble pre-cast concrete structures
- Traffic Control

- Perform pipeline construction and maintenance
- Operate jackhammers, airtracs, and hydraulic drills
- Perform site servicing and industrial plant maintenance
- Survey sites and perform gradework
- Pour sidewalks, curb and gutters, and pave roads
- Tunneling
- High scaling
- Excavation shoring and shotcreting
- Build, repair, and maintain railroad track



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TRAINING TO BECOME A CONSTRUCTION CRAFT WORKER

APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING

The term of apprenticeship to become a Construction Craft Worker (CCW) is two years, including a minimum of 4,000 hours of on-the-job training. Each year includes four weeks (120 hours) of technical training.

An applicant who has previous work experience related to the CCW trade may also qualify to challenge the CCW Journeymen exam. A minimum of 6,000 hours in the trade must be confirmed by an employer as well as having achieved 70 per cent of the CCW job scope.

To learn the skills required of a Construction Craft Worker, it is recommended that a person have:

- Minimum Grade 9 education or equivalent
- Basic English and Math skills
- An aptitude and willingness to perform physical work



SKILLS & ABILITIES

The Construction Craft Worker/Labourer trade appeals to people who enjoy being physically active, working outdoors and using various manual and power tools.

To be successful in the occupation, Construction Craft Workers/Labourers need:

- Physical strength & stamina
- A safety-conscious attitude
- The ability to work alone as well as part of a team
- A valid driver's licence or the ability to take transportation to various job sites