Pathways of registered apprentices in Canada, 2019

duration-to certify

Certification

Continuation

Discontinuation

Most apprentices who registered in 2011 took

4 years after

registration (2015)

22.4%

46.0%

31.6%

more than four years—the most common program

6 years after

registration (2017)

36.7%

22.2%

41.1%





















technician

8 years after

registration (2019)

41.2%

14.3%

44.4%

transport mechanic







Red Seal trades



Red Seal trades with the **highest** certification rates for female apprentices in 2019, 8 years after registration

56.6%

44.7%

Hairstylist Industrial

50.0%

electrician Welder

40.4%

Construction electrician



From 2011 to 2019, the number of female apprentices registered in a predominately male trade² grew by **71.6%.**

Red Seal trades with the **highest** discontinuation rates in 2019, 8 years after registration



body repairer 61.6%



Painter and decorator

59.2%



54.0%



Roofer 53.9%



Ironworker

52.5%

Discontinuation rate

The COVID-19 pandemic could impact the pathways of registered apprentices for years to come

A recent Statistics Canada article suggests that the COVID-19 pandemic may have had an impact on certifications in the trades. Preliminary data on registered apprenticeships reveal that certifications declined by almost half (-48.7%) over an eight-month period³ in 2020, compared with the same period in 2019.

1. Red Seal trades: Trades with common standards to assess the skills of tradespeople across Canada. Tradespeople who pass the exam and meet Red Seal standards receive a Red Seal endorsement on their provincial or territorial

Notes: Cohort: A group of newly registered apprentices in an apprenticeship program in a given calendar year. Rates were measured for the 2011 cohort, eight years after registration (2019).

Source: Statistics Canada, Registered Apprenticeship Information System, 2008 to 2019.

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