

# Focus <sup>on</sup> Skills & Trades

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## This Week's Events

**March 12:** [BC Jobs Fair](#)  
Quesnel, College of New Caledonia, Quesnel Campus Atrium

**March 14:** [BC Jobs Fair](#)  
Prince George, Coast Inn of the North

### Beginning this week:

#### [BC Skills Regional Competitions](#)

- March 14: Upper Fraser Valley
- March 8: Vancouver Island Central
- March 15: Vancouver Island North
- March 8 & 28: Vancouver Island South

## Monthly Labour Market Snapshots

Monthly Labour Market Snapshots offer a quick overview of B.C.'s labour market. The snapshots provide industry and regional highlights, as well as information on provincial employment, unemployment and participation rates. You'll also find a labour market feature on a topic of interest every month.

<http://www.workbc.ca/Statistics/Labour-Market-Snapshots/Pages/Labour-Market-Snapshots.aspx>

## Grade 8 Mini Trades Training

From now until the end of May, Victoria High School is hosting a series of three-day trades awareness sessions for Grade 8 students in the district. Students are learning about sheet metal, auto body, electrical, joinery, carpentry, welding, automotive repair, cosmetology, and information technology. This is one of many [YES2IT](#) (Youth Exploring Skills to Industry Training) events taking place across B.C. These events offer youth in the middle grades a chance to connect with trades people in their community and get a bit of hands-on experiences in a range of trades. Do you have a YES2IT event at your school? Let us know about it! Email us at [bceducationplan@gov.bc.ca](mailto:bceducationplan@gov.bc.ca)



## Employer Success Stories—Hiring Apprentices

B.C.'s Industry Training Authority (ITA) works with employers, employees, industry, labour, training providers and government to issue credentials, manage apprenticeships, set program standards, and increase opportunities in the trades in B.C.

Check out these videos on YouTube that feature some ITA success stories:

ITA Employer Profile: Dan Mott, Mott Electric  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PQ-3xQ6EEFA>

ITA Employer Profile: Robert Lashin, Houle Electric  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zlgykom-t8M>

## Build a Career

A Smartphone app for iPhone, Android, BlackBerry, iPad and Internet. The career suitability quiz helps you discover the breadth of careers in B.C. that may match your abilities and work preferences. The app provides details on 520 careers and includes information on education, salaries and job prospects.

<http://www.buildacareer.ca>

## SD63 Profiles Students

Some of Saanich School District's top trades students are being profiled monthly in the *Seaside Times* magazine. Click on the names below to learn more about these students:

[Jorge Costa](#)— Hairdressing & Cosmetology

[Darcy Rhodes](#)— Carpentry

[Katrina Arhibald](#)— Cooking

[Alex Flatman](#)— Metal Fabrication

[Daniel Wason](#)— Welding



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