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**IN A SKILLED TRADE AND
COMING TO CANADA**

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In Canada, trades are divided into two main categories:

- Compulsory
- Optional

These terms vary from province to province across Canada (designated, regulated etc.).

Compulsory Certification Trades

To work in a compulsory certification trade, a person must either hold a recognized trade certificate or be a registered apprentice in the trade. An employer wishing to hire persons to work in the trade must hire only certified journeypersons in that trade or apprentices registered in the trade and working under the supervision of a certified journeyperson. Compulsory certification trades usually involve work where public and worker safety needs to be closely monitored.

If your trade falls under the ‘**compulsory, designated, or regulated**’ category then you must get trade certification.

To help speed up this process before coming to Canada: Each province has different rules around this, but in general you can *start* the application process whilst still in Ireland, and then sit the exam when you arrive in Canada. Once again, depending on the provincial standards, your experience, and trade the application process *may* be halted until you arrive in Canada.

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