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Survey Says Apprenticeships Pay off

Education combined with an apprenticeship leads to opportunity

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Thinking about a career in the trades? The numbers show that it's worth your while to complete an apprenticeship.

The Canadian Apprenticeship Forum-Forum canadien sur l'apprentissage (CAF-FCA) recently commissioned a new survey that compares apprentices to people who did not complete an apprenticeship after post-secondary school.

The CAF-FCA released the survey's findings in a report called *Assessing Apprenticeship Outcomes: Building a Case for Pursuing and Completing an Apprenticeship*. The results pointed favorably to those who completed apprenticeships.

Their data overwhelmingly shows a post-secondary education combined with an apprenticeship makes you more employable (both after graduation and over the long term) and leads to a better earning potential, while helping you find higher levels of job satisfaction and job security.

The report shows that employment rates for apprenticeship completers is around 89 per cent, compared to only 76 per cent for technical/applied program completers or near-completers and 69 per cent for trades program completers or near-completers.

In the same vein, apprentices who completed their training were found to earn an average of \$29.08 per hour when they enter the workforce. This is compared to \$23.29 reported by the technical/applied group, \$21.01 by the trades group, and \$22.33 by those in the non-trade post-secondary average group.

If you're thinking about a career in the skilled trades, you can [look for a school in your area](#), or find out more about apprenticeships by visiting [The Canadian Apprenticeship Forum](#) online.