

Poll conducted for the Building Trades Council by Research Co. in British Columbia - March 16, 2021

In every province except British Columbia, a compulsory trade is a skilled trade that requires training or apprenticeship and certification for tradespeople to gain employment. Examples of compulsory trades in Canada include electricians, gasfitters and plumbers. In B.C. tradespeople are no longer legally required to undergo training. Thinking about this, do you support or oppose restoring compulsory trades training in the province?



British Columbia	GENDER		AGE			REGION			ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME				ETHNICITY			VOTE IN 2020 PROVINCIAL ELECTION				
	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Metro Vancouver	Fraser Valley	Northern BC	Southern BC	Vancouver Island	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	First Nation	European	East Asian	South Asian	BC NDP	BC Liberals	BC Green
Strongly support	52%	53%	52%	39%	47%	66%	49%	58%	63%	55%	49%	53%	56%	68%	62%	35%	60%	58%	54%	54%
Moderately support	28%	30%	26%	36%	27%	23%	29%	22%	23%	28%	27%	29%	27%	8%	24%	37%	23%	27%	32%	27%
Moderately oppose	7%	7%	8%	12%	9%	3%	9%	5%	6%	6%	9%	8%	5%	5%	5%	12%	7%	5%	5%	6%
Strongly oppose	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	5%	3%	4%	4%	2%	3%	3%	6%
Not sure	9%	8%	10%	9%	13%	5%	10%	11%	6%	5%	11%	7%	7%	16%	6%	13%	7%	7%	6%	7%

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As you may know, the provincial government is planning on returning to a system or compulsory trades certification to ensure workers in skilled trades complete their training, that their credentials will be recognized wherever they live and that they have the ability to adapt quickly if the skills that employers are looking for change. How important do you think this initiative is?



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Very important	60%	58%	62%	47%	54%	75%	54%	64%	66%	67%	73%	56%	60%	66%	68%	72%	42%	56%	67%	59%	72%
Moderately important	34%	35%	33%	48%	38%	22%	40%	36%	31%	26%	21%	37%	34%	32%	26%	24%	52%	40%	29%	37%	24%
Not too important	4%	5%	3%	5%	2%	2%	5%	0%	3%	4%	3%	3%	5%	1%	3%	4%	4%	2%	3%	4%	1%
Not important at all	2%	2%	2%	0%	3%	1%	2%	0%	0%	2%	3%	3%	1%	1%	3%	1%	3%	2%	1%	0%	3%

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Thinking about compulsory trades in British Columbia, do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? Examples of compulsory trades in Canada include electricians, gasfitters and plumbers. In B.C. tradespeople are no longer legally required to undergo training. Thinking about this, do you support or oppose restoring compulsory trades training in the province?



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Compulsory trades will make the construction industry safer because training will be regulated.																					
Strongly agree	59%	55%	62%	48%	55%	69%	55%	64%	71%	57%	66%	58%	59%	58%	71%	65%	44%	58%	61%	59%	60%
Moderately agree	31%	32%	30%	37%	32%	25%	33%	27%	20%	34%	26%	29%	32%	33%	16%	26%	44%	28%	31%	31%	28%
Moderately disagree	5%	6%	4%	7%	6%	2%	5%	4%	3%	6%	2%	5%	4%	5%	11%	4%	5%	9%	3%	6%	6%
Strongly disagree	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	5%	1%	1%	1%
Not sure	5%	5%	4%	6%	5%	3%	5%	4%	3%	2%	6%	5%	5%	2%	3%	4%	6%	0%	4%	3%	4%
Compulsory trades will contribute to workers being more highly skilled.																					
Strongly agree	57%	54%	60%	44%	50%	72%	53%	63%	66%	60%	62%	57%	55%	60%	63%	65%	39%	60%	60%	58%	60%
Moderately agree	33%	33%	32%	41%	37%	23%	34%	30%	31%	32%	31%	32%	34%	32%	24%	27%	46%	28%	31%	34%	31%
Moderately disagree	5%	7%	4%	9%	6%	3%	7%	2%	0%	5%	2%	6%	6%	4%	8%	4%	9%	5%	4%	5%	4%
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Not sure	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%	2%	5%	3%	3%	2%	4%	4%	4%	2%	3%	3%	6%	0%	4%	2%	3%
Compulsory trades will build consumer confidence and an expectation of quality workmanship.																					
Strongly agree	56%	52%	60%	40%	52%	70%	54%	63%	63%	58%	55%	57%	52%	61%	63%	63%	43%	51%	60%	54%	58%
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Moderately disagree	6%	7%	5%	6%	9%	3%	7%	2%	3%	8%	4%	5%	8%	3%	3%	4%	6%	16%	4%	6%	6%
Strongly disagree	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	3%	0%	2%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%
Not sure	4%	4%	5%	6%	6%	2%	5%	5%	3%	2%	4%	6%	4%	2%	3%	4%	6%	0%	4%	3%	3%

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