

SHEET METAL WORKER

ABOUT THIS CAREER

Sheet metal workers fabricate, assemble, install and repair sheet metal products. Projects range from ductwork for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) to manufacturing equipment, building segments and roofing in residential, commercial and industrial buildings. They use blueprints, design specifications and manufacturer' instructions, and can work for a variety of industries. May work onsite or in a fabrication or manufacturing shop.

HOURLY PAY

\$42.00-\$50.00
8,100+

PROJECTED CONSTRUCTION
WORKER RETIREMENTS BY 2029*

*BuildForce Canada

Contact the local union for more information on
hourly pay, benefits, pension and more.

"My work can be physically demanding
and I get to be creative. I love it."



You like working
with your hands
and machinery.



You are creative
and have an eye
for detail.



You can visualize a
finished product
from a drawing.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Read blueprints, drawings and sketches
- Measure, cut and join materials made of wood or wood substitutes
- Fit and install trim, doors, stairs, molding & hardware
- Frame wood residential homes & commercial buildings
- Assemble and erect formwork & falsework for concrete
- Renovate and fix a range of structures
- Install exterior & interior finish materials (eg, siding, windows, cabinets)

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Entrance Requirements

High School (recommended prerequisites):

- French 10
- English 10, Math 11 (Principles)
- High School diploma or GED recommended

To Apply:

Visit smwtca.ca website and click APPLY to complete online application. Submit resume and transcripts for review. A skill assessment will be scheduled prior to assignment to technical training.

Apprenticeship Program:

Approximately 4 years, applicants must write an evaluation exam; the majority of applicants serve a pre-apprenticeship of up to 1,600 hours. Registered apprentices are indentured to the local training board. Indentured apprentices attend four levels of 6-week technical training sessions at the Sheet metal workers' Training Center or at Camosun College on Vancouver Island and complete 6,400 hours in the industry.

Key Skills & Attributes

(technical training and on the job)

- Strong communication skills, reading & numeracy
- Computer & problem solving skills
- Mechanical aptitude & curiosity about how things work
- Physically fit & ability to lift and climb
- Ability to work at heights

