

**Natural gas compression technicians** install, commission, maintain and repair equipment used to gather, store and transmit natural gas.

#### Apprenticeship Program

The term of apprenticeship for a natural gas compression technician is four periods (12 months), each period includes:

- 1500 hours of on-the-job experience
- 8 weeks (240 hours) of technical training

#### Minimum Entrance Requirements

Successful completion of Alberta's English 20-2, Math 20-3 and Science 10 (or equivalent), or the apprenticeship entrance exam.

#### Technical Training

All four periods of technical training are available at SAIT Polytechnic, Calgary Alberta ([www.sait.ca](http://www.sait.ca)).

First and second period training has been scheduled:

First period ..... January 2013  
Second period ..... March 2013

#### Advanced Program Standing: Related Trades

Available to those persons holding an Alberta Journeyman Certificate in the trade of:

- Agricultural Equipment Technician
- Automotive Service Technician
- Heavy Equipment Technician
- Instrumentation Technician
- Millwright
- Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic
- Transport Refrigeration Technician

#### Prior Learning Assessments (PLA)

Available to those persons with previous training or work experience in a trade that would qualify for entry or advanced standing. PLA exams are available for all four periods of training.

#### Qualification Certificate Program:

##### Work Experience

Available to those persons meeting the requirements of a minimum of 9000 hours and 72 months of on-the-job experience as a natural gas compression technician.

For more information:

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- Grande Prairie 780-538-5240
- Hinton 780-865-8293
- Lethbridge 403-381-5380
- Medicine Hat 780-525-3100
- Peace River 780-624-6529
- Red Deer 780-340-5151
- Slave Lake 780-849-7228
- Vermilion 780-853-8150

*Current apprentices in a related trade are encouraged to complete their apprenticeship program, acquire their Journeyman Certificate, then complete a Prior Learning Assessment or apply under the Qualification Certificate Program to enter the trade of Natural Gas Compression Technician.*

*Work experience exceptions are in place for persons with an Alberta Journeyman Certificate in a related trade.*