

QUESTIONNAIRE

Answer these questions to find out if
YOU might be an ideal tradesperson!



Circle your answers and provide any comments you feel would help us help YOU in your decision!

1. Do you enjoy working with your hands to create things? (I.E. crafts, such as knitting, jewellery making, scrapbooking, etc.) YES NO
2. Do you like to be outdoors? (Keep in mind, PEI has 4 seasons — hot and cold!) YES NO
3. Would you rather be moving around in your job, instead of stuck indoors or behind a desk all day? YES NO
4. Are any of your family members tradespeople — such as a carpenter, electrician, mechanic, or plumber? YES NO
5. Do you like to work on your own? Or as part of a team? On my own Part of a team Both
6. Do you have a strong work ethic? Are you a hard worker? Yes, I think so Not really I'm not sure
7. Are you looking for a new or challenging career? YES NO
8. (a) Have you ever thought you'd like to get trained/skilled in a trade, but were afraid you couldn't do it? YES NO
(b) If YES, what made you think you couldn't do it? (You don't have to answer this, if you don't want to.)
A. Not enough education B. Didn't know where to start
C. Don't have enough money for school D. Family/kids
E. Other (please specify)

9. Do you have any experience — lots or a little — in any kind of trade? Please tell us what you've done: YES NO

10. Do you like to solve problems? (For example: Do you like to do crossword puzzles, Sudoku, etc.?) YES NO
11. Are you physically strong? YES NO

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

If you have any questions or comments about trades, please feel free to share them here:



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ANSWERS!

We hope these questions allowed you to think about whether or not you could become involved in a trade!
Now check out the next page to see if your answers might help you with your decision to explore the trades!

ANSWER KEY

**Find out if your answers can help you decide
if YOU want to get involved in trades!**



1. Do you enjoy working with your hands to create things?
Did you answer YES? Great! Attention to detail and the ability to work with your hands are the kinds of abilities and traits needed in many skilled trades.
2. Do you like to be outdoors?
Did you answer YES? Many trades — but not all — require work that is outdoors. Being able to work outside is something that many tradespeople say they like about their job.
3. Would you rather be moving around in your job, instead of stuck indoors or behind a desk all day?
Did you answer YES? This is probably the most common benefit of all trades: If you work in a trade, you are not tied to a desk all day. People who hate sitting still and working at a desk can find relief that there is plenty of great work that keeps you up and moving around during the work day.
4. Are any of your family members tradespeople — such as a carpenter, electrician, mechanic, or plumber?
It seems that just knowing someone who is a tradesperson is enough to spur someone to look at a career in trades. Also, we know that people who come from fishing and farming families tend to become tradespeople. It helps to know that the jobs are doable and what they entail. Having said that, these careers are for ANYONE — no experience necessary!
5. Do you like to work on your own? Or as part of a team?
No matter what you answered for this one, depending on the trade, you can work alone, as part of a team, or a combination of both! So no matter what your work style is, there is a place for you in trades.
6. Do you have a strong work ethic? Are you a hard worker?
We hope you answered YES for this one. As with any job, employers love to see workers who have a strong work ethic. There's no denying that tradespeople work hard AND they make a good wage for their hard work.
7. Are you looking for a new or challenging career?
There's no question that working in the trades is challenging. Tradespeople say they love that no two days are the same and that, at the end of the day, you can see the work you did. Tradespeople take pride in their work and enjoy the challenges of the job.
8. Have you ever thought you'd like to get trained/skilled in a trade, but were afraid you couldn't do it?
No matter what you answered for this one, Trade HERizons can help you work through all the challenges and provide you with the support you need to make changes in your life in order to move forward with an exciting new career in trades.
9. Do you have any experience - lots or a little - in any kind of trade?
Did you answer YES? Great! Your experience can help you imagine where you would like to go or give you an idea for what you'd like to do in the future — which is always a good step in the right direction. No experience? No problem! None of the training programs at Holland College require any specialized knowledge or previous experience before you sign up. Even if you've never hammered a nail or looked under the hood of a car, you can get all the training you need to get hired.
10. Do you like to solve problems?
Did you answer YES? Problem-solving can be a big part of the job as a tradesperson. If you enjoy figuring things out or how to find the best solution to a problem, then trades might be for you.
11. Are you physically strong?
Everyone has strengths! There's no denying that men and women can have different levels of physical strength. Being physically strong is definitely a benefit in some trades. However, there is room for people of ALL shapes, size, and abilities in today's labour market. With new technologies and equipment, trades work no longer requires brute strength. In fact, sometimes having smaller hands and body sizes allows workers to get into the smaller work spaces that are found on all kinds of job sites.

DID YOU ANSWER 'YES' TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS?

**Then you could spend some time exploring trades! You never know — you may find more than a job,
but a career that you love and that you get paid well to do!**