



How to Become an Elevating Device Mechanic Class A (EDM-A)

The following is a high-level guideline of the steps an individual must follow in order to become an Elevating Device Mechanic Class A (EDM-A). On completion of these steps, refer to the [Elevating Device Mechanic Policies and Procedures](#) for the formal certification process. Note: this document serves as a guideline, the full legal requirements can be found in the Technical Safety Standards Act, its Regulations and the Elevating Device Mechanic Policies and Procedures.

It is the responsibility of the Elevating Device Mechanic-In-Training (“EDM-T”) to ensure compliance with the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (“TSSA”), the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (“AESD”), and the Ontario College of Trades (“OCOT”).

To assist you in initiating the EDM-A certification process, a checklist detailing the critical first steps has been provided below. Note: the steps must be completed in order; you cannot proceed without completing a prior step.

- Step 1:
 - Attend and complete a Safety Training Workshop conducted by an Accredited Elevating Device Safety Training Provider.
 - A full list of Accredited Safety Training Providers is available via: [TSSA Safety Training Providers](#).

- Step 2:
 - Apply and obtain an EDM-T certificate from TSSA.
 - It is an offence to work in the Elevating Devices Industry before obtaining an EDM-T.
 - The process to become an EDM-T is contained in the Elevating Device Mechanic Policies and Procedures.

- Step 3:
 - Contact the AESD to become an apprentice by registering a training agreement for the trade Elevating Devices Mechanic (636E).
 - You must hold a valid EDM-T certificate in order to be registered as an apprentice.
 - To find your local AESD office call 1-800-387-5656, or the following link: [AESD Apprenticeship Offices](#).
 - Once Registered as an apprentice:
 - You will be required to obtain an Apprenticeship Training Standard (the “Skills Passport”). The Skills Passport is a mandatory document that will follow you throughout your career as an Elevating Device Mechanic.
 - The Skills Passport can be downloaded here: [Apprenticeship Training Standard](#).

- Step 4:
 - Apply for membership in the Apprentice Class of the OCOT.
 - An apprentice must become a member of OCOT within 90 days of becoming a registered apprentice with the AESD.
 - More information on OCOT is available via [Ontario College of Trades](#).

- Step 5:
 - Initiate In-Class/Theoretical Training and begin accumulating the applicable Practical/Demonstrated Experience as an EDM-T.

- Step 6:
 - Complete all pre-requisites for EDM-A certification, as outlined in the Elevating Device Mechanic Policies and Procedures.



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