

Trade Description

Engages in all blasting activity including: storage, handling, transportation, preparation, and use of explosives, and drilling conducted at a blasting area on in relation to the use of explosives

Sector: Construction

Key Skills or Attributes:

Good analytical and problem-solving skills. Ability to think quickly and make decisions. Able to concentrate in busy/stressful situations. Physically fit. Able to read & interpret blueprints & diagrams

Other Considerations (if applicable):

Work with hazardous materials

National Occupational Analysis:

Apprenticeable	N	Trade Regulation Exists	Y
Journeyman to Apprentice Ratio	1:2	Compulsory Certified - ATQA	N
Red Seal	N	Compulsory Certified - Other	Y

Applicable Legislation or Regulatory Authority:

Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act
Occupational Health and Safety Division

Trade Regulation Under Review: No

Order in Council Date: 2/26/2008

Training Pathways

Trades Qualifier Hours: B3=1500 hrs; B2=3750 hrs; B1=6000 hrs

Apprenticeship Hours: B3=1000 hrs; B2=2500 hrs; B1=4000 hrs

Training Standards: N

Technical Training Available: N

Available Training Options (if applicable)	
Program Name:	Provider:

Workforce Statistics

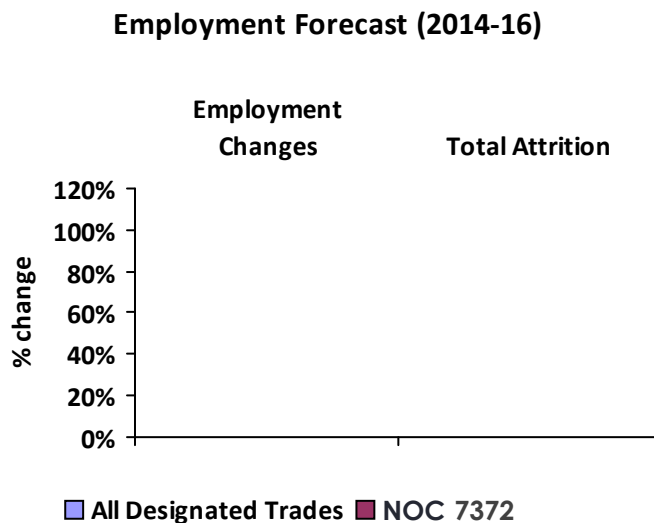
2011 NOC Title: Drillers and Blasters - Surface Mining, Quarrying and Construction

2011 NOC Group: 7372

Main Industries	NAICS Code	Employment Share
1 Specialty trade contractors	238	35.1%
2 Industries	Other	32.6%
3 Support activities for mining and oil and gas extraction	213	17.7%

Employment Outlook - NOC 7372

	NS	Canada	Employment Prospect Call:	Undetermined
Employment 2011:		3160	(good, fair, limited)	
% Females:		1		
% Self-employed:		3		
% in a CMA/CA:		50		
% with post-secondary credential:		43		
Employment Chg, 2006-11:		-565		
Median Age (years):		38		
EI Claims, Avg Monthly 2014:	28	NA		
Median Employment Inc. (\$):		54,650		
Temporary Resident Work Permits, 2014 (as of Q2 2015)		68		



Total attrition=retirements+deaths

Resources

Careers Nova Scotia <http://careers.novascotia.ca/occupation/349>