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2,000 training on the job

The Training Council Division of the Labour Department helped some 2,000 young people find a craft or technician apprenticeship last year.

The division has been operating an apprentice placement service for young people, a spokesman for the department said.

"The apprentices are now usefully and productively employed, earning their living and at the same time learning a trade in which they are interested," he said.

"The duration of their apprenticeship is either three or

four years.

"In addition to receiving on-the-job training provided by their employers, the apprentices also attend related technical courses three times a week — one day and two evenings — in either a technical institute or the Hongkong Polytechnic," he added.

He said there are now opportunities available to qualified young people for both craft and technician apprenticeship in Hongkong's 10 major industries.

These are:

Automobile repairs and

servicing; building and civil engineering; clothing, electrical, electronics; machine shop and metal working; plastics, printing; shipbuilding and ship repairs; and textiles.

The entry requirement for craft apprenticeship is completion of Form 3.

For technician apprenticeship the requirement is completion of Form 5 with passes in relevant subjects in the Certificate of Education

Examination.

On completing the apprenticeship, the apprentices will be awarded certificates by the Commissioner for Labour certifying their competency in the trade or occupation they have chosen.

Qualified youngsters interested in an apprenticeship are welcome to enquire at the division, 12th floor, Asian House, No 1 Hennessy Road, Wanchai.