

Casino Dealer

Run the table, pay the winners, count everything twice. Trained in weeks, watched by cameras all shift.

TYPICAL PAY

\$48,000

a year, full time

PAY RANGE

\$35k to \$67k

starting to experienced

TIME TO QUALIFY

up to 1 year

after high school

DEMAND

Moderate

job outlook

LICENCE NEEDED

Yes

regulated job

WHERE YOU WORK

Casinos, racetrack gaming floors, charitable gaming halls, cruise shi...

How you get there

- 1 High school diploma** Grade 12
 Most casinos want one. Fast, accurate mental math matters more than your marks.
- 2 Be old enough** Age requirement
 You must be of legal gambling age in your province, which is 19 in most of Canada and 18 in Alberta, Manitoba and Quebec.
- 3 Dealer training** 4 to 12 weeks
 A few weeks per game learning the procedure, the payouts and the hand movements. Many casinos run their own school and hire the people who pass.
- 4 Registration and background check** Weeks to a few months
 You register with the provincial gaming regulator, in Ontario as a gaming assistant with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario. The check covers your criminal record and your finances.
- 5 Add games, then move up** Year 1 onward
 Roulette, baccarat, craps and poker each add pay. After a few years you can go to pit supervisor, then floor management or surveillance.

Pros and cons

- + Trained in weeks, with almost no cost and no debt
- + Around \$48,000 without any post-secondary schooling
- + Benefits and often a union, which is rare in hospitality
- Nights, weekends and holidays, permanently
- Losing players take it out on the dealer
- Watched on camera every second of every shift

Good to know

You get registered, like a contractor

In Ontario, casino floor staff register with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario as gaming assistants. The registration is attached to you, not the casino, and it can be refused or revoked, whi...

The camera is called the eye in the sky

Casino surveillance rooms watch every table continuously and record it. That protects the casino from cheating, and it also protects dealers: when a player claims they were shortchanged, the tape settles it, usu...

Optional boosts

More games. Poker. High-limit and salon tables. A second language.

Where these numbers come from

Job Bank: Casino Dealer in Canada, wages (updated Nov 19, 2025)
 Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario: lottery and gaming registration
 Government of British Columbia: gambling and fundraising
 Tourism HR Canada: national tourism workforce body

Numbers checked September 2026. Pay figures are typical full-time annual amounts in Canadian dollars, based on Government of Canada Job Bank wage data and published salary grids. They vary by province, employer and experience. Tuition is for domestic students. Sources, links and the click-through version: <https://career.help/ca/careers/casino-dealer>



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