

Crypto trader

Buy and sell bitcoin, other coins and memecoins, 24 hours a day, on your own account. Most traders lose.

TYPICAL INCOME

\$0

a year, varies widely

INCOME RANGE

\$0 to \$50k

most to the successful few

TIME TO QUALIFY

1 to 5 years

after high school

DEMAND

Limited

job outlook

LICENCE NEEDED

No

anyone can do it

WHERE YOU WORK

Home, on a laptop or phone, at any hour

How you get there

- 1 Learn the basics** 1 to 2 months
Wallets, platforms, fees, stablecoins and how scams work, from free material.
- 2 Buy a small amount and move it** 1 month
Practise sending to your own wallet with tiny sums so mistakes cost little.
- 3 Trade small on a registered platform** 6 to 12 months
Real money, small size, and a record of every trade for the tax return.
- 4 Test your record** 1 to 2 years
Compare your results with just buying and holding bitcoin. If you are not beating that after fees, trading is costing you.
- 5 Scale only with proof** Years
Most people who succeed kept a job for years and never risked money they needed.

Pros and cons

- + Anyone can start with a few dollars
- + Open 24 hours a day, from anywhere
- + Registered platforms add real protections
- Most traders lose money, and memecoins are mostly traps
- Scams are everywhere and losses are rarely recovered
- Prices can fall by half in weeks

Good to know

Canada's biggest crypto collapse

When the Vancouver platform QuadrigaCX failed in 2019, more than 76,000 clients lost at least \$169 million. The OSC (Ontario Securities Commission) found most of it was fraud by the founder, not lost pas...

Investment fraud tops the list

Canadians reported losing \$351 million to investment fraud in 2025, out of a record \$704 million in all fraud reported to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre.

Optional boosts

Use registered platforms only. Keep most coins in their own wallet. Keep tax records from day one. Ignore hype.

Where these numbers come from

Bank for International Settlements: Bulletin 69, Crypto shocks and retail losses (2023)
Canadian Securities Administrators: Crypto platforms authorized to do business with Canadians
Canada Revenue Agency: Reporting income from crypto-asset transactions
Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre: Top 10 frauds in 2025

Numbers checked October 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/crypto-trader>



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