Information Bulletin

Apprenticeship Training Overview

Saskatchewan continues to experience high demand for skilled trades people.

- The number of apprentices registered with the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission (SATCC) increased to 8,949 as of June 30, 2009 from 5,436 as of June 30, 2005.
- A summary of all 2008-09 numbers, such as registrations and completions, will be available when the fiscal year end calculations are released late October 2009.

Planning Framework and Business Plan

As a follow up to the strategic planning session held on January 29, 2009, the SATCC 2009-2012 Strategic Plan was approved by the SATCC Board of Directors on May 27, 2009.

The plan is available on the SATCC website at www.saskapprenticeship.ca | publications | other reports.
It sets out the Commission's vision, mandate, goals, key actions and outcomes over the next three years.

Construction Sector Council Mentoring Project

The SATCC is partnering with the Construction Sector Council and the Saskatchewan Construction Association to design and implement a Journeyperson Mentoring Program. Currently, four Saskatchewan companies are participating in a pilot mentoring project: Cardinal Construction, Coram, Westridge Construction and Alliance Energy.

Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship Program

The Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship (SYA) Program raises awareness of apprenticeship among Saskatchewan high school students by helping young people discover career options in the skilled trades. By exploring the world of opportunities skilled trades can offer, the SYA enhances career development of Saskatchewan youth. As of June 30, 2009, there were 210 schools and 4,027 students participating in the program.

Since the program's inception, 5,981 students in grades 10 – 12 have registered and a total of 1,387 students have received certificates. Of these, 121 have registered as Saskatchewan apprentices.

2009 Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship Program Scholarship

In June 2009, 40 industry scholarships valued at $1,000 each were awarded to high school graduates who completed the SYA Program.

To qualify, the student must have completed high school and hold a completed youth apprenticeship passport. In order to redeem the scholarship, the individual must have been a registered apprentice for at least one year or have completed one year of post-secondary training in a designated skilled trade.

Aboriginal Apprenticeship Initiatives

The Commission released its annual call for Aboriginal Apprenticeship Initiatives (AAI) proposals in late March 2009 with a deadline for responses of May 30, 2009. Nineteen proposals were received and reviewed by the AAI Committee, and nine were accepted for a total value of $414,437.

Ongoing Development of National Examination Item Banks and Hosting Responsibilities

The Commission's Program Development Officers provide ongoing support to Human Resources and Social Development Canada (HRSDC) and other provinces/territories to develop examination item banks. The Welder item development workshop will take place in September.

Of the Red Seal examination item banks that Saskatchewan is responsible for, a number have been reviewed, edited and/or released:
- Agricultural Machinery Technician – This examination was released on March 27, 2009;
- Hairstylist – This examination is in the renewal process. Item development has been completed. The entire bank was edited in Saskatoon during the week of July 6, 2009, and currently is in translation before peer review; and,
- Mobile Crane Operator – The item bank renewal process will commence in November.

Apprenticeship Anniversary Celebration

On September 23, 2009, the SATCC will be holding a reception to celebrate and recognize three apprenticeship anniversaries – 65 years of apprenticeship in Saskatchewan, 50 years since the first Red Seal was issued in Canada and the 10th anniversary of the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission.