

## Nicholas Gomes is charged for practicing illegal work as refrigeration and air conditioning systems mechanic

(November 16, 2015) Nicholas Gomes has been fined by an Ontario Court for performing compulsory work as a refrigeration and air conditioning systems mechanic without certification, a violation under the *Ontario College of Trades and Apprenticeship Act, 2009, Section 2*.

On Nov. 16, 2015, Gomes pled guilty to the charge and was fined a total of \$180, which includes a \$25 victim fine surcharge and a \$5 court cost.

Gomes, who does not hold a Certificate of Qualification (C of Q) for the trade he was practising, performed the illegal work at a commercial office site located at 269 Richmond St. W.

On Aug. 10, 2015, enforcement officers from Ontario College of Trades (OCOT) Enforcement Officers discovered the offense while performing an inspection at the site.

One of the main responsibilities of the College is to ensure that individuals performing the skills of compulsory trades have the training and certification required to legally practice this trade in Ontario.

In Ontario there are 22 trades designated as compulsory, which means an individual must have the necessary training and qualifications before he or she can do the work. The full list of compulsory trades can be found on the College's [website](#).

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