



College benefits consumers and tradespersons

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Peter Silverman, consumer advocate and radio host on Newstalk 1010 and Kate Poultney, President of Teepie Tire & Automotive and Chair of the Ontario College of Trades Motive Power Divisional Board.

Skills Canada— Ontario 2013

May 6—8, 2013

Waterloo, ON

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directions to OTSC

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This is good news for consumers and for tradespersons themselves, who will no longer have to deal with unfair competition from rule-breakers who give their profession a bad name.

- Peter Silverman, consumer advocate and radio host on Newstalk 1010

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Newsmakers

Skilled trades insight

REPORTS:

[Toolkit of Training Resources for Small- and Medium-sized Businesses](#) is an in-depth report published this February by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. It is a supplement to the report on the symposium, [Closing the Skills Gap: Mapping a Path for Small Business](#), hosted by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce on Nov. 14, 2012 in Toronto. The symposium offered participants the opportunity to examine some of the training challenges and needs of small businesses as well as act as the building block of collaborative and individual actions to address the skills issues among Canada's small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

Click the links below to read the reports.



Closing the Skills Gap: Mapping a Path for Small Business



Toolkit of Training Resources for Small- and Medium-sized Businesses

"I think it is important that we are able to regulate ourselves as much as possible, because nobody knows our industry like the professionals that are in it." - Chelsea Renaud, Hairstylist, Ottawa.



"The College is a good investment in the future of all trades to ensure the continuity and general promotion of the quality of the trades." - Hardy Jalloh, Construction Craft Worker, Toronto



Update from Bob Guthrie, Registrar & CEO

- Ratio Reviews for Groups 5 to 21 were initiated between October and December, 2012. The deadlines for all Written Submissions have now passed and the Review Panels are currently in the midst of holding Case Management Conferences and Oral Consultations. All Decision Reports are scheduled to be submitted by mid July 2013. Decisions have now been received for Ratio Reviews # 5,6,7,8 and 10 and posted on the College website.

- As part of a collaboration and partnership with Skills Canada-Ontario, the College will host the closing ceremonies of the Ontario Skills competition for 2013 and 2014. Approximately 1,900 young people participate in the skills competition, which includes many apprenticeship trades. The College will provide an award to the outstanding apprentice, which will be presented at the closing ceremony in Waterloo in May, 2013.

- There were 35 Trade Board meetings held from January to March 2013. By sector, the breakdown of these meetings is as follows: Construction, 21; Motive Power, 4; Industrial, 6; and Service, 3.

- The Canadian Council of Directors of Apprenticeship (CCDA) is implementing a new joint project agreement to fund and operate the Interprovincial Computerized Examination Management System (ICEMS). Ontario participates with all the other provinces, territories and federal government to develop and administer exams for the Red Seal trades.

Announcements

For individuals that hold a Certificate of Qualification in a voluntary trade:

On April 8, 2013, the Ministry of Training, College, and Universities amended a Minister's regulation affecting the Ontario College of Trades' membership for individuals that hold a ministry-issued Certificate of Qualification in a voluntary trade.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Quick Facts

- Individuals that work in a voluntary trade do not require a Certificate of Qualification to work legally in Ontario.
- A Certificate of Qualification in a voluntary trade that was issued by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities prior to April 8, 2013, has no expiry date.
- A Certificate of Qualification in a voluntary trade that is granted by the Ontario College of Trades after April 8, 2013, will require annual renewal and payment of the annual membership fee.
- The name and membership status of all holders of Certificates of Qualification in voluntary trades issued by the College (i.e., after April 8, 2013) will appear on the public register.

Please click [HERE](#) if you would like to read Ontario Regulation 421/12

Ontario's Top Trades

1. Automotive Service Technician
(nearly 50,000)

2. Electrician, Construction and Maintenance
(over 45,000)

3. Hairstylist
(over 40,000)

4. Truck and Coach Technician
(nearly 30,000)

5. Plumber
(over 15,000)

There are currently over 200,000 people working in compulsory trades in Ontario. The above trades represent active journeypersons, who hold Certificates of Qualification in a compulsory trade, not including apprentices. The top five trades, some of them topping nearly 50,000 active journeypersons in a single trade, are found across three different sectors:

Construction
Services
Motive Power

Is your trade a top trade in Ontario? What makes these trades top trades?

We want to hear from you!
Send your feedback to:

editor@collegeoftrades.ca



Nadia Blackburn, Horticultural Technician, Mississauga

"Quality employers want quality employees. They are going to go after those who have a genuine education, something to back up what they are capable of doing."

Membership Fees and Invoices:

Since April 8, 2013, when the College began accepting members, we have received an overwhelming amount of phone calls and emails, and have since added more staff members to our Call Centre to answer all your inquiries and help serve you better. We appreciate your patience during this time.

Industry headlines

- [Master Mechanic Supports College of Trades \[news release\]](#)
MechanicsHub.com, April 22, 2013
- [OCOT — timeline of a college in the making](#)
DCN, April 8, 2013
- [OCOT empowers construction, says Johnson](#)
DCN, April 4, 2013
- [Skilled trades require brainpower \[letter\]](#)
Simcoe.com, March 28, 2013
- [A message from Ontario's College of Trades](#)
On-Site Magazine, March 27, 2013
- [Consumer Alert: Top 12 Jobs in the Skilled Trades](#)
CTV Toronto
- [Help Wanted | Students, schools opting for apprenticeships](#)
CBC, March 20, 2013
- [Panel Decisions on Apprenticeship Ratio Reviews \[news release\]](#)
CNW, March 19, 2013
- [Criticism of trades college baffling: chair](#)
Northern Life, March 18, 2013
- [Skilled trades learning program targets youth](#)
Windsor Star, March 16, 2013
- [OYAP gives students hands-on experience in skilled trades](#)
Inside Halton, March 15, 2013

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events

**North American Occupational Safety
and Health Week (NAOSH)**
May 5—11

**24th Ontario Technological Skills
Competition**
May 6—8, 2013
RIM Park, Waterloo, ON

**Transportation Maintenance and
Technology Conference**
May 6—8, 2013
Kingbridge Conference Centre &
Institute
King City, ON

Skills Canada National Competition
June 5—8, 2013
Vancouver, BC

42nd World Skills Competition
July 2—7, 2013
Leipzig, Germany

**Ontario Council for Technology
Education (OCTE) Annual Confer-
ence**
May 9—11, 2013
Delta Meadowvale Hotel,
Mississauga, ON

**Canadian Culinary Federation
(CCFCC) National Conference**
May 29—June 1, 2013
Edmonton, Alberta

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