

## **BACKGROUND**

- **What is Apprenticeship:** Apprenticeship training is a great way to learn job skills while earning money. It combines hands-on learning where experts in a trade (called journeypersons) pass on their knowledge and expertise to employees (called apprentices) right on the job. This practical training is combined with periods of technical training.
- The total number of apprentices registered in 2008-09 was 8,924 compared to 5,436 in 2004-05.
- Apprentices in technical training: 5,011 in 2008-09 compared to 2,911 in 2004-05.
- For the third consecutive year, the SATCC has experienced unprecedented growth. Since 2005, the number of registered apprentices has increased by 64 per cent, technical training has increased by 72 per cent and journeyperson certifications have increased by 28 per cent.
- The overall journeyperson examination pass rate in Saskatchewan is 76% compared to an average of 64% for the rest of Canada! *[Source: Human Resources and Skills Development Canada Red Seal statistics to December 31, 2008.]*