

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Darryl Cruickshank Memorial Award was commissioned by the Canadian Council of Directors of Apprenticeship (CCDA) to honour Mr. Cruickshank's memory. It was presented by the daughter of the late Mr. Cruickshank in the presence of approximately 450 apprenticeship delegates from across Canada at the CAF conference in Newfoundland.

The Interprovincial Standards Program, or the Red Seal Program, as it is more commonly known, is a joint initiative of the provincial, territorial, and federal governments. It permits qualified tradespeople to practice their skilled trades anywhere in Canada where the trade is designated without having to write further examinations.

The Red Seal Program contributes to the development and promotion of a highly skilled, productive labour force necessary to enhance competitiveness and productivity. The Program also promotes economic well-being and standards of living by improving workforce mobility and by encouraging qualified workers to obtain the necessary skill sets that ensures the job is well done.

Four finalists from across Canada were selected through the nomination process. The Award both embodies and reflects a pledge to service excellence and a commitment to the increased success of apprentices. All four finalists were selected on the basis of rigorous criteria.

The national Darryl Cruickshank Memorial Award will be awarded bi-annually to a person who distinguishes him or herself in supporting and promoting the values and best practices that form the underpinning of excellence in the areas of apprenticeship and skilled trade certification in Canada.