

Backgrounder

- **What is Apprenticeship?** Apprenticeship is a workplace based training program that leads to certification in a skilled trade. It combines hands-on learning in the workplace where experts in a trade (journeypersons) pass on their knowledge and expertise to employees (apprentices), and technical training, where apprentices attend a post-secondary education facility for approximately eight weeks per year. Apprenticeship is a great way to learn the skills of a trade during paid employment.
- **Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission (SATCC) Vision:** A skilled and representative workforce, industry trained and certified.
- **SATCC Mandate:** To develop and execute a relevant, accessible and responsive apprenticeship training and certification system to meet the needs of employers, apprentices, journeypersons and tradespersons.
- The SATCC has experienced significant increases in the number of apprentices over the past five years. The total number of registered apprentices increased to 9,136 at June 30, 2010 from 5,915 at June 30, 2006, an increase of 54%. In 2009-2010, 5,374 apprentices attended technical training, an increase of 77% over 2005-06 numbers.
- During 2009, Saskatchewan apprentices performed very well on Red Seal Interprovincial journeyperson examinations compared to their colleagues in the rest of Canada. 79% of Saskatchewan apprentices were successful on these examinations compared to the Canadian average of 75%.