

Background Information

- **Why Apprenticeship?** Apprenticeship is post-secondary training that leads to certification in a skilled trade. Apprentices learn in the workplace from a journeyman, who is a master of the trade. Journeymen pass on knowledge and expertise to apprentices. The apprentices also receive technical training for approximately eight weeks per year, which expands on what they have learned on the job. Apprenticeship is a fantastic and efficient way to learn the skills of a trade while earning a wage.
- **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, journeymen and tradespersons.
- The SATCC has experienced significant increases in the number of registered apprentices over the past five years. The total number of apprentices increased to 10,023 at June 30, 2013. In 2012-13, 6,200 apprentices attended technical training.
- During 2012-13, Saskatchewan apprentices performed very well on interprovincial Red Seal certification examinations compared to their colleagues in the rest of Canada. Seventy-five per cent of Saskatchewan apprentices were successful on these examinations compared to the Canadian average of 68%.

