



## Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission Background Information

- **Why 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 trades experts pass on their knowledge and expertise to apprentices with technical training, where apprentices take training in a post-secondary environment for approximately eight weeks per year. 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, journeypersons 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 9,724 at June 30, 2012, an increase of 43.4% since 2006-07. In 2011-12, 5,710 apprentices attended technical training, an increase of 73.2% over 2006-07 numbers.
- During 2011-12, Saskatchewan apprentices performed very well on interprovincial Red Seal certification examinations compared to their colleagues in the rest of Canada. Eighty-one per cent of Saskatchewan apprentices were successful on these examinations compared to the Canadian average of 78%.