

## **Eight Ontarians Appointed To Lead College of Trades** *McGuinty Government Modernizing Apprenticeship Training*

### **NEWS**

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Ontario is taking the first step to create a governing body for the province's apprenticeship training and skilled trades system. Eight industry leaders have been selected by the government to the Appointments Council of the Ontario College of Trades.

The College of Trades will be a regulatory body that gives industry a greater role in recruitment, governance, certification and apprenticeship training. This will build on the significant role skilled trades already play in Ontario's prosperity. It will also give the skilled trades a professional regulatory body similar to teachers, doctors and nurses.

The Appointments Council will make appointments to the governance structure of the college, including the board of governors, divisional boards, trade boards and adjudicators for review panels. In addition, the council will act as the college's transitional board of governors and will begin to give industry a greater role in the governance of the apprenticeship training system and the promotion of careers in the skilled trades.

### **QUOTES**

"This Appointments Council will help to build a strong College of Trades that will modernize our apprenticeship training system and ensure our apprentices and skilled workers are among the world's best. Strengthening apprenticeship training is part of our government's Open Ontario plan to create jobs and opportunity for all Ontarians."

– John Milloy, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities

"The creation of the Ontario College of Trades is a bold move to strengthen industry leadership of the province's apprenticeship training system. I am excited by the opportunity to work with representatives of different sectors, as well as educators and trainers, to ensure apprenticeship training in Ontario keeps pace with change and provides value to skilled workers, apprentices, and the employers who hire them."

– Rod Cameron, Chair, Appointments Council, Ontario College of Trades

### **QUICK FACTS**

- The Ontario College of Trades Appointments Council represents a cross section of employers and workers involved in the province's apprenticeship training system.
- The Ontario College of Trades is the first regulatory body for the skilled trades in Canada.
- In Ontario, there are more than 120,000 apprentices learning a trade – which is 60,000 more than in 2002-03.
- The Ontario government has issued over 760,000 certificates to skilled tradespeople or journeypersons working in the province.

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