



What's new in Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification?

Our website has been updated but our web address remains the same, www.qnb.ca/post-secondary

New on our site is a section called: **"Fact Sheet"**. You will find some interesting facts and stats such as the top ten occupations in NB, number of active apprentices, age distribution amongst apprentices etc.

OUR GENERAL REGULATION 97-125 WAS UPDATED IN AUGUST 2010:

Please refer to our Act and Regulation for further details.

Some of the key amendments were:

Time vs. Hours

As of August 2010, the number of years required for completion or certification have been abolished and replaced by a required number of **hours**.

Rescinded occupations

The Construction Lineman, Firefighter, Power System Operator, Production Equipment Mechanic and Marine Electrician occupations have been rescinded.

Seven new occupations newly designated in New Brunswick:

Occupation	Required hours for Apprenticeship	Required hours to challenge Certificate of Qualification
Heavy Equipment Operator	7,200 hours	9,000 hours
Ironworker (Reinforcing)	3,600 hours	5,400 hours
Ironworker (Structural/Ornamental)	3,600 hours	5,400 hours
Landscape – Horticulturist	5,400 hours	7,200 hours
Locksmith	certification only	9,000 hours
Tilessetter	certification only	9,000 hours
Underground Hardrock Miner	4,500 hours	6,300 hours

Occupations in red are recognized as Red Seal Occupations.

Apprentices from Elsipogtog receive a tool donation from Stanley Tools

In the spring of 2010, there were eight 2nd year apprentices ready to start work in Elsipogtog First Nation. Stanley Hand Tools wanted to assist them as they embarked on their careers as carpenter apprentices. Stanley Hand Tools donated \$1,200.00 worth of hand tools to the apprentices including their signature Fat Max and Xtreme brands. In total there were seven different types of tools for eight apprentices; an amazing donation of 56 hand tools.



In front of one of the four houses these block 2 students were working on are: Catlin Clair, Roger Benson, Dylan Levi, Bobby Levi, Diana Augustine and Joey Paul.

First Female Blaster in New Brunswick

The Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Branch wishes to congratulate Ms. Wendy DeMerchant Boone for being the first female in New Brunswick to be certified as a Blaster. Please read on to see what Ms. DeMerchant Boone has to say about her chosen career in a skilled trade:

"I come from a large family of 15 children and learned at a young age that my life would be whatever I wanted, providing I was willing to work for it.

I have had a varied work experience background and I see this qualification as just another stepping stone in an ever changing and challenging world that we work in. I am surprised to find out that I am the first woman to pursue this particular training in New Brunswick. I have worked in the construction field for the last 6 years and have been exposed to various trades from carpentry to painting and more. One of the ways of protecting job security is through training.



There has been one underlying observation that I have made in the construction industry. There is a shortage of skilled workers qualified in just about every trade. Employers are interested in people who are qualified, show up, and generally work well with others. If it happens that the worker is female they could care less. As a woman I never felt threatened that I was taking a "man's" job. Women live with this stereotype of themselves far more than men. I'm sure that a survey would show that a man would sooner work with a woman who knows what she is doing without attitude than a man who has neither.

Blasting has an obvious hazard quality. I have always felt that my personal safety was first, and the fact that I was a woman second. All Blasters and soon to be blasters have never identified me as a woman but as a co-worker.

Within the Blasting Industry, nobody ever wants to have a bad day on the job. Blasting has always been a passion and fascination of mine. I have and will enjoy every day at work. There is always something new to learn."

"As a wise man stated to me: The FUTURE IS NOW!" Wendy DeMerchant Boone

Number of apprentices registering are on the rise – a look at the last 30 years

Number of registered apprentices for the past 30 years	
Year / number of registered apprentices	Year / number of registered apprentices
1982 = 3634	1997 = 3110
1983 = 3461	1998 = 3012
1984 = 3356	1999 = 3022
1985 = 3257	2000 = 3282
1986 = 3213	2001 = 3511
1987 = 3354	2002 = 3628
1988 = 3564	2003 = 3651
1989 = 3895	2004 = 3467
1990 = 4327	2005 = 3263
1991 = 4666	2006 = 3222
1992 = 4716	2007 = 3425
1993 = 4465	2008 = 3594
1994 = 4264	2009 = 3958
1995 = 3943	2010 = 4111
1996 = 3264	2011 = 4193

If you are interested in more facts, please log on our website, under "Publications" and "Fact Sheet".

Interesting Links

Government of New Brunswick

<http://www.gnb.ca/>

Interprovincial (Red Seal) Standards Program <http://red-seal.ca/>

Job Futures New Brunswick

<http://www.jobfutures.ca>

Skills Canada

<http://www.skillscanada.com/>

Apprenticeship Job Creation Tax Credit

[http://www.cra-](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/whatsnew/apprenticeship-e.html)

[arc.gc.ca/whatsnew/apprenticeship-e.html](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/whatsnew/apprenticeship-e.html)

Apprentice Grants

http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/workplaceskills/trades_apprenticeship/index.shtml

Apprentice Tool Deduction

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/whatsnew/tools-e.html>

Average Earnings in the Trades

<http://www.jobfutures.ca/noc/browse-occupations-alphabet.shtml>

Finding Employment/Job Search Tips

<http://www.jobbank.gc.ca/>

<http://www.jobsetc.gc.ca>

Canadian Apprenticeship Forum

<http://www.caf-fca.org/english/index.asp>

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Motor Vehicle Body Repairer Survey

In February 2009, a Partnership Agreement on Regulation and the Economy (PARE) was signed by the Premiers of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. One aspect of the PARE relates to the harmonization and mutual recognition of professional and trade credentials. This will benefit both provinces by making it easier for trained workers to move between and work within both provinces. It will also strengthen the economies and reduce barriers to business, trade and skilled labour.

In order to achieve the harmonization of compulsory occupations and as part of the PARE Agreement, the Apprenticeship & Occupational Certification Branch is conducting a survey of employees and employers in the Motor Vehicle Body Repairer industry to obtain feedback concerning possible compulsory designation of this trade in New Brunswick.

To participate in this survey, visit our website at www.gnb.ca/post-secondary. The deadline for completing this survey is April 30, 2011.



Skills Canada NB and Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification working together

Skills/Compétences Canada NB is a not-for-profit organization that actively promotes careers in skilled trades and technologies to youth. Along with our private sector partners, we are helping to showcase Canada's future skilled labour needs.

Skills Canada New Brunswick is busier than ever in the spring of 2011. They are preparing to showcase 34 different provincial qualifying competitions in which 16 will involve apprenticeship students in various levels of training in trades and technology.

Skills Canada Competitions are an incredible opportunity for students to broaden their horizons, improve the level of their skill, and open employment paths by increasing their exposure and demand.

These are the dates and locations of the New Brunswick provincial competitions.

March 26, 2011 at the NBCC Saint John the Industrial Mechanic, Welding, Machining, Automotive Service Technician, Car Painting and Autobody Repair (MVBR) trades; April 13, 2011 at the NBCC St Andrews the Cook, Electrical Installations, and Refrigeration trades; April 21, 2011 at the CCNB Dieppe the Carpentry, Plumbing and Brick Masonry trades; April 30, 2011 at the NBCC Miramichi the Heavy Equipment Mechanic trades. Dates will be determined for the Sheet Metal at NBCC Moncton, Cabinetmaking at CCNB Campbellton and CNC Machining at CCNB Bathurst.

These events are open for viewing by the public so come and encourage our provincial champions.

The winning student from each contest area will be invited to be part of Team New Brunswick which will be participating at the 17th annual Skills Canada National Competition in Québec, QC from June 1-4th, 2011.

For more information, please visit their website at www.skillscanada.nb.ca or email newbrunswick@skillscanada.com

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