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Province gears up for 2008-09 apprenticeship technical training registration

10 of Alberta's public post-secondary institutions ready with 36,000 seats

Edmonton... With a record number of more than 36,000 technical training seats available this year, Alberta's apprentices will have more options than ever on where, or when, to take their training.

"In theory, Alberta's apprenticeship and industry training system is the province's largest post-secondary educational institution in terms of seats," said Doug Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology. "Our job is to work with the institutions and employers to make sure any eligible apprentice can access the instruction they need."

Registration for 2008-09 technical training begins May 12 and because of continuous intake and graduation, registration is ongoing throughout the year. Apprentices can register with their institution of choice by phone, fax, mail or in-person visit; some institutions may accept e-mail. Registrations are generally accepted on a first-received, first-served basis so lining up for in-person registration does not necessarily guarantee first-choice.

"Alberta's apprentices will receive the same high quality technical training in their particular trade -- no matter which institution they choose or where in the province they attend," said Brian Bickley, chair of the Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board. "Each trade in the province has a standard technical training course outline, so course content for a first-period apprentice carpenter training at an institution in the south will be identical to a first-period apprentice carpenter training at an institution in the north, for example."

Government's plan to secure Alberta's future includes continuing to place a strong focus on increasing post-secondary spaces in high-demand areas, such as trades training, as well as on supporting institutions' infrastructure needs. Budget 2008 provides \$78 million to support apprenticeship training.

More information on Alberta's apprenticeship technical training schedules and registering, as well as financial assistance and scholarships can be found at www.tradesecrets.gov.ab.ca.

Attachment: Backgrounder- technical training classes offered by institution

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2008-09 Apprenticeship technical training offered by Alberta's public post-secondary institutions:

<u>Keyano College</u>	<u>Lakeland College</u>
Carpenter	Automotive Service Technician
Electrician	Carpenter
Heavy Equipment Technician	Electrician
Millwright	Heavy Equipment Technician
Steamfitter-Pipefitter	Instrument Technician
Welder	Parts Technician
	Steamfitter-Pipefitter
<u>Lethbridge College</u>	Welder
Automotive Service Technician	
Carpenter	<u>Medicine Hat College</u>
Cook	Automotive Service Technician
Electrician	Carpenter
Heavy Equipment Technician	Electrician
Parts Technician	Heavy Equipment Technician
Welder	Plumber
	Steamfitter-Pipefitter
<u>NAIT</u>	Welder
Auto Body Technician	
Automotive Service Technician	<u>NAIT - Fairview</u>
Baker	Automotive Service Technician
Boilermaker	Carpenter
Cabinetmaker	Heavy Equipment Technician
Carpenter	Motorcycle Mechanic
Communication Technician	Parts Technician
Cook	Plumber
Crane & Hoisting Equipment Operator	Steamfitter - Pipefitter
Electrician	Welder
Floorcovering Installer	
Gasfitter	<u>NAIT - Grande Prairie Campus</u>
Heavy Equipment Technician	Electrician
Instrument Technician	Instrument Technician
Insulator	Millwright
Ironworker	Welder
Lather-Interior Systems Mechanic	
Machinist	<u>Northern Lakes College</u>

Millwright	Carpenter
Outdoor Power Equipment Technician	Electrician
Painter & Decorator	Welder
Parts Technician	
Plumber	<u>Olds College</u>
Power Lineman	Agricultural Equipment Technician
Power Systems Electrician	Carpenter
Rig Technician	Heavy Equipment Technician
Roofer	Landscape Gardener
Sheet Metal Worker	Welder
Steamfitter - Pipefitter	
Structural Steel & Plate Fitter	
Welder	
<u>Portage College</u>	<u>SAIT</u>
Carpenter	Appliance Service Technician
Electrician	Auto Body Technician
Steamfitter - Pipefitter	Automotive Service Technician
Welder	Baker
	Bricklayer
<u>Red Deer College</u>	Cabinetmaker
Automotive Service Technician	Carpenter
Carpenter	Concrete Finisher
Cook	Cook
Electrician	Electric Motor Systems Technician
Heavy Equipment Technician	Electrician
Instrument Technician	Gasfitter
Locksmith	Glazier
Millwright	Heavy Equipment Technician
Parts Technician	Instrument Technician
Plumber	Machinist
Rig Technician	Millwright
Sprinkler System Installer	Painter & Decorator
Steamfitter - Pipefitter	Parts Technician
Water Well Driller	Plumber
Welder	Recreation Vehicle Service Technician
	Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Mechanic
	Rig Technician
	Sheet Metal Worker
	Steamfitter - Pipefitter
	Tilesetter
	Transport Refrigeration Technician

In order to enhance the technical training registration process, registration dates for 2008-09 classes are staggered as follows:

- beginning **Monday, May 12, 2008**, registered apprentices in the trades of **Electrician, Power System Electrician, Automotive Service Technician, Instrument Technician, and Carpenter** can contact training providers that deliver technical training in these trades and enroll into classes;
- beginning **Wednesday, May 14, 2008**, registered apprentices in the trades of **Plumber, Steamfitter-Pipefitter, Heavy Equipment Technician, Agricultural Equipment Technician, Millwright and Machinist** can contact training providers that deliver technical training in these trades and enroll into classes; and
- beginning **Friday, May 16, 2008**, registered apprentices in **all** trades can contact all training providers that deliver technical training and enroll into classes.

Apprentices and employers can find more information about technical training schedules, class registration, and financial assistance, including scholarships at: www.tradesecrets.gov.ab.ca or by calling 1-877-899-SEAT (7328).

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