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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing on behalf of the Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board to advise you of the actions the board has taken to ensure that it complies with the obligations of the British Columbia – Alberta *Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement* (TILMA) as it relates to the trades and occupations designated under Alberta's *Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act*.

As you are aware, under the TILMA, workers who are certified for a given occupation in one province must be recognized as qualified to work in that occupation in the other province and workers who are certified to work in a trade under the Interprovincial Standards Red Seal Program (Red Seal Program) must be recognized as qualified to work in that trade in both provinces.

To comply with the TILMA, the board has recognized certain certificates issued by British Columbia that it had not previously recognized. These include:

- certificates without a red seal in red seal trades issued after the establishment of the Red Seal Program in that trade, and
- certificates in non-red-seal trades in which both provinces issue certificates (e.g. British Columbia tower crane operator [Alberta crane and hoisting equipment operator – tower crane]).

The board previously recognized a number of certificates or documents. These were:

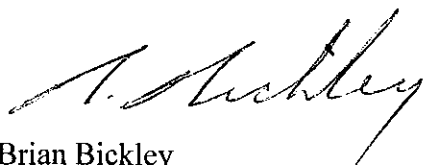
- certificates bearing an Interprovincial Standards Red Seal in a trade or occupation that in Alberta is a designated trade or occupation,
- completion of apprenticeship certificates in red seal trades issued before the establishment of the Red Seal Program in that trade,
- certain certificates in non-red seal trades, such as completion of apprenticeship certificates and other certificates that had been recognized by the board on the recommendation of the provincial apprenticeship committee (e.g. British Columbia automotive refinishing prep technician certificate [Alberta auto body – prepper]).

The board is authorized, under section 3 of the *Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act*, to make orders recognizing certificates as being equivalent to a trade certificate granted under the Act. On February 6, 2009, the board approved the *Certification and Certificate Recognition Order*, Board Order 2/2009 recognizing the certificates described on page one that it had not already recognized. Holders of recognized certificates are not required to obtain an Alberta certificate or document.

The *Certification and Certificate Recognition Order* has been posted on the on the apprenticeship and industry training website, www.tradesecrets.gov.ab.ca. The certificates that are recognized are identified in the appendices to this letter. The board has asked Alberta Advanced Education and Technology to post the information in the appendices on both the www.tradesecrets.gov.ab.ca and www.tilma.ca websites.

The board will comply with the obligations of the TILMA, as revised from time to time and looks forward to continued cooperation with your organizations.

Sincerely,



Brian Bickley
Chair

cc: Honourable Doug Horner
Minister of Advanced Education and Technology

**Red seal occupations in which certification is available in both provinces
AND compulsory in Alberta (as of March 3, 2009)**

Certification in the occupations listed below is available in both Alberta and British Columbia and IS required to work in the occupation in Alberta.

The Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board:

- recognizes certificates **with** an Interprovincial Standards Red Seal issued by the British Columbia Industry Training Authority in an occupation that in Alberta is a designated trade,
- recognizes certificates **without** an Interprovincial Standards Red Seal issued by the British Columbia Industry Training Authority in an occupation that in Alberta is a designated trade, and
- confirms that workers in good standing who have a certificate with or without a Red Seal in one of these occupations have the same right to call themselves a “certified [name of trade]” and work in these occupations in Alberta as do workers who hold a certificate granted under the Alberta *Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act*.

Name of Occupation - Alberta	Red Seal Name	Name of Occupation – B.C.
Appliance service technician	Appliance service technician	Appliance service technician
Auto body technician	Motor vehicle body repairer (metal and paint)	Automotive collision repair technician
Auto body technician - auto body refinisher	Automotive painter	Automotive refinishing technician
Automotive service technician	Automotive service technician	Automotive service technician level 4
Boilermaker	Boilermaker	Construction boilermaker
Crane and hoisting equipment operator - mobile crane	Mobile crane operator	Mobile crane operator (construction industry)
Electrician	Construction electrician	Electrician
Hairstylist	Hairstylist	Cosmetologist
Heavy equipment technician - heavy duty equipment mechanic (off road)	Heavy duty equipment technician	Heavy duty equipment mechanic
Heavy equipment technician - transport trailer mechanic	Transport trailer technician	Commercial trailer mechanic
Heavy equipment technician - truck and transport mechanic	Truck and transport mechanic	Commercial transport vehicle mechanic
Ironworker	Ironworker (generalist)	Ironworker
Ironworker-reinforcing	Ironworker (reinforcing)	Ironworker (reinforcing)
Ironworker-structural/ornamental	Ironworker (structural/ornamental)	Ironworker (structural/ornamental)
Motorcycle mechanic	Motorcycle mechanic	Motorcycle mechanic
Plumber	Plumber	Plumber
Recreation vehicle service technician	Recreation vehicle service technician	Recreation vehicle service technician

**Red seal occupations in which certification is available in both provinces
AND compulsory in Alberta (as of March 3, 2009)**

Name of Occupation - Alberta	Red Seal Name	Name of Occupation – B.C.
Refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic	Refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic	Refrigeration mechanic
Rig technician-rig technician 3	Rig technician	Rig technician 3
Sheet metal worker	Sheet metal worker	Sheet metal worker
Steamfitter-pipefitter	Steamfitter/pipefitter	Steamfitter/pipefitter
Welder	Welder	Welder level "B"

**Non red seal occupations in which certification is available in both provinces
AND compulsory in Alberta (as of March 3, 2009)**

Certification in the non-red seal occupations listed below is available in both Alberta and British Columbia and IS required to work in the occupation in Alberta.

The Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board:

- recognizes certificates issued by the British Columbia Industry Training Authority or other organization in a non-red seal occupation that in Alberta is a designated trade, and
- confirms that workers in good standing who hold a certificate in one of these occupations have the same right to hold call themselves a “certified [name of trade] and work in these occupations in Alberta as do workers who hold a certificate granted under the Alberta *Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act*.

Name of Occupations - Alberta	Name of Occupation - British Columbia	Issued in British Columbia by
Auto body technician - auto body prepper	Automotive refinishing prep technician	British Columbia Industry Training Authority
Crane and hoisting equipment operator - conventional mobile crane	Mobile crane – lattice boom friction crane	British Columbia Industry Training Authority or British Columbia Association for Crane Safety
Crane and hoisting equipment operator - hydraulic mobile crane	Mobil crane - hydraulic unlimited tonnage	British Columbia Industry Training Authority or British Columbia Association for Crane Safety
Crane and hoisting equipment operator - tower crane	Tower crane operator	British Columbia Industry Training Authority or British Columbia Association for Crane Safety
Elevator constructor	Elevator mechanic	British Columbia Industry Training Authority or British Columbia Safety Authority
Gasfitter (A)	Class A gas fitter	British Columbia Safety Authority
Gasfitter (B)	Class B gas fitter	British Columbia Safety Authority
Rig technician-rig technician 1	Rig technician 1	British Columbia Industry Training Authority
Rig Technician-rig technician 2	Rig technician 2	British Columbia Industry Training Authority

**Red seal occupations in which certification is available in both provinces
(as of March 3, 2009)**

Certification in the occupations listed below is available in both Alberta and British Columbia and is NOT required to work in these occupations in Alberta.

The Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board:

- recognizes certificates **with** an Interprovincial Standards Red Seal issued by the British Columbia Industry Training Authority in an occupation that in Alberta is a designated trade,
- recognizes certificates **without** an Interprovincial Standards Red Seal issued by the British Columbia Industry Training Authority in an occupation that in Alberta is a designated trade, and
- confirms that workers in good standing who have a certificate with or without a Red Seal in one of these occupations have the same right to call themselves a “certified [name of trade]” and work in these occupations in Alberta as do workers who hold a certificate granted under the Alberta *Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act*.

Name of Occupation - Alberta	Red Seal Name	Name of Occupation – B.C.
Agricultural equipment technician	Agricultural equipment technician	Agricultural equipment technician
Baker	Baker	Baker
Bricklayer	Bricklayer	Mason
Cabinetmaker	Cabinetmaker	Joiner
Carpenter	Carpenter	Carpenter
Concrete finisher	Concrete finisher	Cement mason
Cook	Cook	Professional Cook 3
Electric motor systems technician	Electric motor system technician	Winder electrician
Floorcovering installer	Floorcovering installer	Floor covering installer
Glazier	Glazier	Glazier
Instrument technician	Instrumentation and control technician	Industrial instrument mechanic
Insulator	Insulator (heat and frost)	Heat and frost insulator
Landscape gardener	Landscape horticulturist	Landscape horticulturist
Lather-interior systems mechanic	Lather (interior systems mechanic)	Wall and ceiling installer
Machinist	Machinist	Machinist
Millwright	Industrial mechanic (millwright)	Millwright
Painter and decorator	Painter and decorator	Painter and decorator
Parts technician	Partsperson	Partsperson level 3
Powerline technician	Powerline technician	Power line technician
Roofer	Roofer	Roofer, damp and waterproofer
Sprinkler system installer	Sprinkler systems installer	Sprinkler system installer
Structural steel and plate fitter	Metal fabricator (fitter)	Metal fabricator (fitter)
Tilesetter	Tilesetter	Tilesetter
Tool and die maker	Tool and die maker	Tool and die maker

**Non-red seal occupations in which certification is available in both provinces
(as of March 3, 2009)**

Certification in the non-red seal occupations listed below is available in both Alberta and British Columbia and is NOT required to work in the occupation in Alberta.

The Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board:

- recognizes certificates issued by the British Columbia Industry Training Authority or other organization in a non-red seal occupation that in Alberta is a designated trade, and
- confirms that workers in good standing who hold a certificate in one of these occupations have the same right to call themselves a “certified [name of trade] and work in these occupations in Alberta as do workers who hold a certificate granted under the Alberta *Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act*.

Name of Occupation - Alberta	Name of Occupation - British Columbia	Issued in British Columbia by
Communication technician	Communications technician	British Columbia Industry Training Authority
Glazier - auto glass technician	Automotive glass technician	British Columbia Industry Training Authority
Locksmith	Locksmith	British Columbia Industry Training Authority
Outdoor power equipment technician - marine equipment	Inboard outboard mechanic	British Columbia Industry Training Authority
Outdoor power equipment technician - power equipment	Outdoor power equipment technician	British Columbia Industry Training Authority
Parts technician-materials technician	Logistics and distribution person level 2 Partsperson level 2	British Columbia Industry Training Authority
Sawfiler	Lumber manufacturing industry - benchperson	British Columbia Industry Training Authority
Sawfiler-circular sawfiler	Lumber manufacturing industry - circular sawfiler	British Columbia Industry Training Authority
Transport refrigeration technician	Transport refrigeration mechanic	British Columbia Industry Training Authority
Water well driller	Water well driller Ground water certification ¹	British Columbia Industry Training Authority Canadian Groundwater Association

¹ Note: A groundwater drilling technician certificate **together with** a class 1 groundwater pump technician certificate **and** a class 2 pump installation technician certificate issued by the Canadian Groundwater Association are recognized by the Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board as equivalent to a trade certificate in the water well driller trade.

**Red seal occupations in which certification is available only in Alberta
(as of March 3, 2009)**

Certification in the following red seal occupation is available only in Alberta and is NOT required to work in this occupation.

Name of Occupation - Alberta	Red Seal Name
Construction craft labourer	Construction craft worker

Note: There is no right to title for construction craft labourer in Alberta

**Non-red seal occupations in which certification is available only in Alberta
(as of March 3, 2009)**

Certification for the following occupations is available only in Alberta. Certification is required to work in the occupations identified with (*) in Alberta.

Designated trades

Appliance service technician - commercial appliance service technician*
 Auto body technician - auto body repairer*
 Crane and hoisting equipment operator - wellhead boom truck*
 Crane and hoisting equipment operator - boom truck*
 Heavy equipment technician*
 Ironworker-metal building systems erector*
 Outdoor power equipment technician - recreational equipment
 Outdoor power equipment technician -turf equipment
 Power system electrician
 Welder-wire process operator*

Note: people who hold an Alberta trade certificate in these trades are entitled to call themselves "certified [name of trade]"

Designated occupations

Field heat treatment technician
 Gas utility operator
 Industrial construction crew supervisor
 Oil and gas transportation services - bed truck operator
 Oil and gas transportation services - bulk haul truck operator
 Oil and gas transportation services - multi-wheel truck operator
 Oil and gas transportation services - supervisor
 Oil and gas transportation services - swamper
 Oil and gas transportation services - winch tractor operator
 Snubbing services - assistant operator
 Snubbing services - operator 1
 Snubbing services - operator 2
 Snubbing services - operator 3
 Snubbing services - supervisor 1
 Snubbing services - supervisor 2
 Steel detailer - level 1
 Steel detailer - level 2
 Steel detailer - level 3
 Warehousing - basic
 Warehousing - intermediate
 Warehousing - technician
 Well testing supervisor level 3
 Well testing supervisor level 4
 Well testing supervisor level 5

Note: there is no right to title in these occupations.