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## **NEW RED SEAL TRADE CRITICAL TO BC'S BOOMING LNG INDUSTRY**

ITA designates Construction Craft Worker as BC's 48<sup>th</sup> Red Seal Trade

**Vancouver, BC** – The [Industry Training Authority \(ITA\)](#) today announced the introduction of **Construction Craft Worker (CCW)** as BC's 48<sup>th</sup> Red Seal trade. This move was in direct response to the liquefied natural gas (LNG) industry's demand for skilled tradespeople in BC's north, specifically Construction Trades Helpers and Labourers.

Recent LNG data indicates that a scenario with five LNG plants constructed in B.C. between 2015-2024 would create a total industry investment of \$175 billion creating up to 100,000 jobs: 58,700 direct and indirect construction jobs, 23,800 permanent direct and indirect jobs for operations, and thousands more of induced jobs as a result of households having more income. Construction Trade Helpers and Labourers are at the top of the list of in-demand LNG occupations, with an anticipated demand for 11,800 Construction Trade Helpers and Labourers by 2018.

Construction Craft Workers work primarily outdoors; their tasks include site preparation and cleanup, setting up and removing access equipment, and working on concrete, masonry, steel, wood and precast erecting projects. They handle materials and equipment, and perform demolition, excavation and compaction activities.

"Our organization is very excited about having the CCW Red Seal occupation in BC. This program validates the work that our members have been doing for over 85 years," says **Dean Homewood, Training Plan Administrator, Construction & Specialized Workers' Union (CSWU) Local 1611**. "This occupation will unite the CCW program across Canada and allow for the transferability of trained workers Canada-wide. The program is needed because the Construction Craft Worker (Labourer) is the top manpower position required on the LNG project and/or the pipeline project."

"We are very pleased to support the launch of the new Construction Craft Worker program," says **Randy Callaghan, Field Personnel Advisor, PCL Constructors Westcoast Inc.** "This new program will formally recognize the high level of skills required to perform work included in the trade. As a designated Red Seal trade, the formal technical training will increase the skills and abilities of the tradesperson while increasing both the productivity and quality of the work performed for the employer."

"The recent *B.C.'s Skills for Jobs Blueprint* positions ITA to play a critical role in helping to meet the booming LNG industry's workforce challenges," says **Gary Herman, CEO, ITA**. "We heard there was an immediate need to amplify and raise the standard of excellence for the Construction Craft Worker trade here in B.C., and we responded. It's a small but crucial step to help ensure we have the right people, in the right place, at the right time."

"Creating the Construction Craft Worker Red Seal certification is another important example of our Blueprint in action," says **Shirley Bond, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and**

**Minister Responsible for Labour.** “Labour market data has identified a critical need for this trade in the LNG industry and other sectors of our growing economy, and through the ITA we are responding decisively to the demand.”

ITA has issued a ***Request for Expression of Interest (RFEI)***, and will work with training providers to develop a plan for initial rollout.

To view the Construction Craft Worker **Program Profile and Outline** go to [www.itabc.ca/program/construction-craft-worker](http://www.itabc.ca/program/construction-craft-worker).

The [Red Seal Program](#) is the Canadian standard of excellence for skilled trades. Formally known as the Interprovincial Standards Red Seal Program, it sets common standards to assess the skills of tradespersons across Canada. Tradespersons who meet the Red Seal standards receive a Red Seal endorsement on their provincial/territorial trade certificates.

### **Top 10 In-Demand LNG Jobs**

1. Construction Trades Helpers and Labourers
2. Steamfitters and Pipefitters
3. Welders
4. Concrete Finishers
5. Truck Drivers
6. Carpenters
7. Heavy Equipment Operators
8. Gasfitters
9. Purchasing Agents and Officers
10. Crane Operators

### **About Industry Training Authority**

The Industry Training Authority (ITA) leads and coordinates British Columbia’s skilled trades system. ITA works with employers, employees, industry, labour, training providers and government to issue credentials, manage apprenticeships, set program standards and increase opportunities in the trades. ITA is also a key collaborator in the provincial government’s 10-year skills training plan, the *B.C.’s Skills for Jobs Blueprint*, which sets out a plan for re-engineering our education and training system to support our growing and changing economy and to help British Columbians take full advantage of the opportunities presented by these changes.



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