Employers to benefit from enhanced services coming to Sask Apprenticeship

Apprentice employers will soon benefit from enhanced services at the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission (SATCC).

In April 2025, the Forum of Labour Market Ministers' (FLMM) tasked apprenticeship authorities across Canada with reducing administrative barriers and enabling digital verification of trades credentials to support labour mobility and workforce responsiveness under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA).

Early in the new year, the SATCC will launch a journeyperson/apprentice registry that will be publicly available on its website, saskapprenticeship.ca.

The registry will allow employers to confirm potential employees' credentials at their own convenience.

To conduct a search, the employer will be required to input a name, a trade, and the number on that person's journeyperson certificate or apprentice level card. The registry will contain only certificates and level cards that were issued in Saskatchewan. However, each province and territory is currently developing its own online registry, accessible via a central Red Seal landing page that will provide a convenient location for employers to check credentials issued in other provinces/territories.

The SATCC is also planning a significant change to MyATC that will affect the technical training registration process.

Employers and Joint Training Committees will have the ability – and be required – to approve technical training that their apprentices register for. This function lets employers participate directly in the oversight of apprentices' technical training schedules and manage their workforce in a way that is most beneficial for their company.

When apprentices register for training, employers will receive a notification and have a period of time to approve it. If the training is not paid for and approved in time, the seat will be released.

This function is not yet available, but the SATCC anticipates the change will be implemented by mid-2026. More details will be shared closer to the implementation date.

"We are committed to providing excellent service to our industry stakeholders and partners," says SATCC CEO Jeff Ritter. "We value employers' feedback about how we can improve their experience with us. The online registry will enable employers to verify credentials without calling us, and the enhancement to MyATC will give employers more autonomy over their business practices."