

## **Summer 2017 Partnership Editorial**

### **CELEBRATING JOURNEYPerson CERTIFICATION**

#### **THE SASKATCHEWAN APPRENTICESHIP AND TRADE CERTIFICATION COMMISSION**

##### **Graduate Outcomes Report**

In Saskatchewan, the average journeyperson makes just over \$85,000 within two years of completing an apprenticeship program. This is the highest average earnings of all post-secondary graduates.

This is one of the results of the 2014 Graduate Outcome Study Report, recently released by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Advanced Education. The report surveyed individuals who successfully completed a post-secondary program and received a formal credential including a degree, diploma or certificate, or achieved journeyperson status within the 2014 calendar year.

Not only were journeypersons more likely to have a higher income from their job within two years of graduation (compare \$85,446 to the average salary of a graduate with a Bachelor's degree at \$59,336), but only one in four had any debt. While the average graduate debt for all post-secondary respondents was \$14,033, the average graduate debt for journeypersons at the time of certification was \$2,781.

These figures demonstrate that journeyperson certification provides a solid career foundation for skilled tradespeople. In addition, apprentices enjoy their learning, which combines on-the-job training with technical training. Graduates from the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission (SATCC) tended to be more satisfied with the overall quality of their educational experience. Journeypersons reported a 96% satisfaction rate, compared to 93% of all institutions combined. Only SIIT had a higher satisfaction rate of 98%.

The report can be read in its entirety [here](#).

##### **Apprenticeship Awards**

The 2017 Annual Apprenticeship Awards will soon be upon us, on October 27<sup>th</sup>! We have many opportunities to sponsor the event, which provides support to apprentices and new journeypersons, in addition to giving your company visibility to an audience of employers, apprentices, journeypersons, tradespersons, future apprentices, other organizations, and the public. We have many levels of sponsorship available; call us at 306-787-0187 to discuss further, or visit us [here](#).

In addition, we are looking for nominations for the employer and instructor of the year awards! Download the nomination forms at the above site.

## **Regulation Changes**

Some Commission regulations have been updated due to the Harmonization Initiative. Most notably are trade name changes, including the change from Drywall and Acoustical Mechanic to Lather (Interior Systems Mechanic) and Sprinkler System Mechanic to Sprinkler Fitter. There have also been changes to the number of hours required for the trades of Landscape Horticulturist, Tower Crane Operator, and Scaffolder. The trades of Mobile Crane Operator (Hydraulic), Lattice Boom, and Plasterer have been de-designated. You can view all of the regulations [here](#).

## **SATCC Summer Newsletter**

The summer 2017 Apprenticeship in Action newsletter was recently released and features SYA Industry Scholarship recipients, a feature on Mary Ruane, one of the first SYA graduates at her school, and much more. You can find this edition, as well as past issues, [here](#).