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BY:

Dear Stakeholder:

The Ontario College of Trades (College) is pleased to announce that on December 12, 2016 a provincial Certificate of Qualification (C of Q) exam will be available for the following trade:

- Concrete Pump Operator (637C)

This new exam has been developed through an intensive planning and development process with trade subject matter experts and instructors from across the province.

The introduction of the provincial exam does not impact the voluntary status of the Concrete Pump Operator trade; holding and maintaining a valid C of Q remains voluntary for this trade.

Effectively immediately and prior to December 12, 2016, the following opportunities are available:

- Active apprentices and holders of a Certificate of Apprenticeship issued by the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (formally the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities) in the Concrete Pump Operator trade can apply to become a member of the College's Journeypersons Class and be issued a provincial C of Q without passing a C of Q exam.
- Individuals who are approved through the College's Trade Equivalency Assessment process can apply to become a member of the College's Journeypersons Class and be issued a provincial C of Q without passing a C of Q exam. To be eligible for the Trade Equivalency Assessment, 2,159 applicable trade hours are required.

Upon implementation of the provincial exam on December 12, 2016, all individuals interested in obtaining a C of Q will be required to write and pass the exam.

Once the exam is implemented, apprentices will be required to pass the exam in order to be eligible to receive the Apprenticeship Completion Bonus in non-Red Seal trades. More information on eligibility and how to apply can be found on the College's website—collegeoftrades.ca.

If you have any further questions, please call our Client Services Department at 1-855-299-0028 between Monday to Friday 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. One of our client services consultants will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

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