

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO SASKATCHEWAN POLYTECHNIC PRE-EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATE WELDING 34-WEEK PROGRAM GRADUATES

If you have successfully graduated the Saskatchewan Polytechnic Pre-employment Certificate Welding 34-week program and are planning to register as a new apprentice in the Welder trade, you need to clearly be aware that you have two options.

### Option 1:

If you feel that the duties you have and will be performing at your current place of employment, as well as any past work experience, has been adequate to maintain the skills you learned while attending your Pre-employment Certificate Welding training **you need do nothing**. Upon registration as a new apprentice you will automatically be called to Level 3 technical training once you have accumulated a minimum of 3600 work experience and technical training hours. As Level 3 is the last level of technical training, please be aware that you will be writing the Interprovincial Welder Journeyperson Examination and completing the Welder Journeyperson Practical Examination on the last two days of your technical training. Remember, this option is automatic.

### Option 2:

If you are concerned that the duties you have and will be performing at your current place of employment, as well as any past work experience, have **not** maintained the skills learned while attending your Pre-employment Certificate Welding training you can request entry into the apprenticeship training at Level 2. You will then be eligible to attend this additional training once you have accumulated a minimum of 1800 work experience and technical training hours. This will allow you to, again, cover theory materials and to perform welding and cutting processes for an additional seven weeks, go back to work until the required 3600 hour level is reached and at that time attend Level 3 technical training and attempt your certification examinations. For this option, successful completion of Level 2 will be a requirement prior to progressing to Level 3.

**Please remember, Option 2 is not automatic and must be requested.** Once you have signed up as an apprentice, you can make your desire to attend Level 2 known to us by contacting a Field Consultant at any SATCC office or by contacting your Training Coordinator directly through our toll-free number at: 1-877-363-0536.