



May 2025

## Celebrating Skilled Trades Success: Keenan Bresch and Wesley Rowe at Skills Saskatchewan

Each year, the Skills Canada Saskatchewan Provincial competition brings together the province's top trades and technology students to showcase their abilities—and for two competitors, the event marked both a personal milestone and a professional leap forward.

**Keenan Bresch**, gold medalist in Industrial Control, says his path was driven by a love of hands-on work and problem-solving. “Electrical work, especially industrial controls, stood out because it combines both,” he shared.

Apprenticing as a Instrumentation and Control Technician, combined with technical training at Sask Polytech gave Keenan a strong mix of theory and real-world experience.

During the competition, Bresch faced a wiring issue under intense time pressure but his preparation paid off. “I stayed calm, troubleshoot step-by-step, and fixed it without panicking.”

control systems, and eventually stepping into leadership roles.

**Wesley Rowe**, gold medalist in plumbing, followed in his father's footsteps into the trade. What started as a family connection quickly grew into a passion of his own.

Rowe gained most of his skills on the job, as an apprentice plumber but his technical training at Sask Polytech strengthened his knowledge like learning to calculate offsets and 45-degree angles, a big focus in competition. "The hardest part was figuring out all the angles, but once you slow down and draw it out, it comes together," he said.

Now focused on becoming a journeyperson plumber, Rowe sees the competition as more than a test, it's a chance to grow and collaborate. "Winning or losing doesn't mean you're better or worse. Everyone has their strengths. It's about connecting and learning from others in the trade."



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## Training Schedule

The 2025-26 Technical Training Schedule has been released on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 on the [Technical Training Information](#) page. The 2025-26 training year runs July 1, 2025 until June 30, 2026.


### Training Registration Dates in MyATC:

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- **Wednesday, May 28 at 8 a.m.:** Level 2 classes released, all other trades; and
- **Thursday, May 29 at 8 a.m.:** Level 1 classes released, all other trades .

Apprentices are responsible for registering for any technical training they are eligible for. Technical training is filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Once classes are opened for registration in MyATC, they remain open until they are either filled or cancelled due to lack of demand.

**It is the responsibility of apprentices and employers/Joint Training Committees to work together to determine mutually agreeable training times.** When apprentices register for technical training, employers/Joint Training Committees receive a notification via MyATC and can view the training apprentices have registered for.

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# Apprenticeship Technical Training Schedule

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## Indigenous Apprenticeship Initiative Program

The Indigenous Apprenticeship Initiatives (IAI) program promotes access to apprenticeship training and an understanding of the skilled trades as a career choice. The program funds initiatives that support Indigenous people interested in pursuing skilled trade careers.



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apprenticeship courses with Indigenous partners, mentoring projects, career exploration and other opportunities.

The request for proposals is now open until May 23, 2025. Visit our [website](#) for more information.



*Tiny home project on the Kahkewistahaw First Nation, funded through the IAI program in 2023.*

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## Skills Canada Saskatchewan Provincial Competition

This spring, nearly 50 Saskatchewan Polytechnic students and apprentices shone brightly at the provincial skills competition hosted by [Skills Canada Saskatchewan](#), earning gold, silver and bronze medals. Among the winners, 12 are apprentices registered with the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission (SATCC) and trained by Sask Polytech. Sixteen of these talented individuals will advance to the [Skills Canada National Competition](#) (SCNC) in Regina from May 28-31.

Read the full news release [here](#).

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## 2025 Skills Canada National Competition in Regina

The Skills Canada National Competition will be held in Regina on May 28-31. More than 500 competitors who won in the provincial competition will participate in over 40 skilled trade and technology competitions.

There will be many exciting initiatives and events at the competition grounds, including 50 interactive Try-A-Trade and Technology activities. For more information, visit: [www.skillscompetencescanada.com](http://www.skillscompetencescanada.com).



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#### Empowering Women in Trades

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## Red Seal Trades

What is the Red Seal? It's Canada's gold standard for skilled trades, ensuring tradespeople meet high national standards. If you're hiring or looking for a career in trades, Red Seal is the way to go!

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The Proud Apprentice Employer logo can be used by industry partners and employers who employ apprentices registered to the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission.

Find it on our website [here](#).



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### Canadian Council of Directors of Apprenticeship (CCDA) Meeting Held in Regina

The spring CCDA meeting will be held on May 28-29, 2025 in Regina.

The CCDA provides strategic oversight of the Red Seal Program, while provincial and territorial Apprenticeship Authorities are responsible for delivering apprenticeship training and administering interprovincial Red Seal examinations.

The council serves as a platform for collaboration across jurisdictions, supporting the advancement of a certified, highly skilled, and mobile skilled trades workforce in Canada. Members also exchange and review evidence-based research to inform policy and program decisions.

As a voluntary Federal-Provincial-Territorial (FPT) partnership, the CCDA holds no regulatory authority. Each member is accountable to their respective jurisdiction. The council is composed of 15 members—one from each province and territory, along with two representatives from the federal government (Employment and Social Development Canada, ESDC). The Chair position rotates every two years.

All decisions are made through a consensus-based approach.

## Women in Skilled Trades Initiative

The Women in Skilled Trades Initiative is committed to helping women succeed during their apprenticeship. Details [here](#)



**Women in Skilled Trades Initiative**

Rebates and coaching services for women  
apprenticing in eligible Red Seal trades until  
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