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CEO Statement: Skilled Trades Certification

VANCOUVER, B.C. – Shelley Gray, Chief Executive Office of the Industry Training Authority issued the following statement in response to today's BC Government announcement on Skilled Trades Certification:

"The Industry Training Authority (ITA) welcomes the province's Skilled Trades Certification announcement that will help ensure British Columbians in the trades receive the training and support they need to participate in and benefit from our province's growing and diverse economy.

ITA has overseen B.C.'s apprenticeship system over the past 15-plus years and will play a leading role in the implementation of the new Skilled Trades Certification while working closely with government, industry and post-secondary institutions.

Over the coming months, government will be consulting with apprentices, trades workers, small to large employers, and Indigenous Peoples, as well as asking for insight from women, new Canadians, and other groups critical to growing the trades workforce about their experiences. These conversations will ensure representation from rural and urban communities. Information on the government's public engagement can be found on engage.gov.bc.ca/skilledtrades.

ITA will also engage British Columbians to listen and collect feedback on the implementation of the Skilled Trades Certification. This engagement will ensure that the implementation process is inclusive and successful for all involved in the 10 selected trades: four mechanical, three electrical, and three automotive.

The intent is to engage widely with apprentices, trades workers, small to large employers, unions, Indigenous partners, and equity-seeking groups.

More information on ITA's engagement will be available on our website, itabc.ca, in the coming weeks. We know the introduction of the new Skilled Trades Certification is a significant and complex change that will require careful implementation, and ITA is well-positioned to ensure a smooth transition to the new program."

For more information on Skilled Trades Certification, please visit engage.gov.bc.ca/skilledtrades.

ITA Skilled Trades Certification FAQ can be found here, [Skilled Trades Certification | ITA BC](#).