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ALBERTA RECOGNITION OF US-ISSUED CREDENTIALS

Effective October 1, 2012, the Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board will recognize, by means of issuing an Alberta equivalency document, holders of any of the three US-issued credentials listed below:

- *Certificate of Accomplishment of Apprenticeship in the Boilermakers National Apprenticeship Program* (boilermaker) issued by International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers & Helpers;
- *Certificate of Completion for Journeyman Inside Wireman* (electrician) issued by National Joint apprenticeship and Training Committee for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the National Electrical Contractors Association; and
- *Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship in the Ironworker Apprenticeship Certificate Program* (ironworker) issued by a Local Union Apprenticeship Program that is certified by the Apprenticeship Training Department of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Ironworkers in the United States of America.

Alberta distributed to all other jurisdictions copies of their summary evaluation sheets which provide comparisons of the three US certification and training standards to AB standards in relation to governance and authority, registry, occupational scope, training course outline, technical training delivery, examinations, practical assessments, and apprenticeship program structure. Matches for virtually all items were deemed to be 100%. Minor exceptions were slight differences in US and Canadian code content

Under provisions of the *Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT)*, the only grounds for BC or any other Canadian jurisdiction to file an objection to AB's recognition of the three credentials would be evidence that this recognition harms a legitimate objective of the government. There is no such evidence in this case.

In accordance with *AIT* protocols, ITA has notified BC's Labour Mobility Coordinator, Kelly Best, that ITA has no objection to AB recognition of the three specified US-issued certifications.

For Further Information

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