

## Trades Competency Verification

### ***Information on the Trades Competency Verification (TCV) for the steamfitter-pipefitter, automotive service technician and electrician trades.***

#### **What is a Trades Competency Verification?**

The Trades Competency Verification (TCV) was developed to evaluate the practical skills of a person claiming to have the same skill set as a certified journeyman in the steamfitter-pipefitter, automotive service technician or electrician trades. Apprenticeship and Industry Training continues to reserve the right to administer a practical assessment.

The TCV was created in response to industry, who had requested a competency assessment tool to evaluate the practical skills of Trades Qualifier Program applicants and their ability to meet Alberta's industry standards.

#### **Who does this affect?**

**The TCV is for applicants to the Trades Qualifier Program in the steamfitter-pipefitter, automotive service technician and electrician trades.** The Trades Qualifier Program provides experienced tradespeople with an opportunity to obtain an Alberta trade certificate by demonstrating that their skills, knowledge and experience meet Alberta's industry standards.

#### **How does a TCV work?**

The candidate must have an approved application in the Trades Qualifier Program for the trade they have applied for. When the candidate receives approval from Apprenticeship and Industry Training, a TCV Book is sent to the candidate.

Each TCV Book contains core competencies for the trade. As the candidate demonstrates each competency, it must

be verified by an approved assessor, who must possess an Alberta-recognized journeyman credential for the trade. The candidate's current Alberta-based employer must also endorse the quality of the assessment.

The TCV Book must be submitted to an AIT office and verified before the candidate is scheduled to write the Trades Qualifier theory exam. It is expected this will occur within the first 60 days after starting work in the trade in Alberta.

#### **What does the candidate need to do?**

- ✓ Work with the Alberta-based employer to complete the competencies outlined in the TCV Book.
- ✓ Ensure the TCV Book is current. Competencies must be achieved after the date you applied for the Trades Qualifier Program.
- ✓ Ensure the TCV Book is sent to an AIT office upon completion of the trades competency project.
- ✓ Complete all program requirements (including the TCV Book) within one year of applying (or arriving) for the Trades Qualifier Program.

#### **What does the employer need to do?**

- ✓ Support the candidate while they work with a certified journeyman with an Alberta-recognized credential in the trade. The assessor does not have to be employed with the candidate's employer.
- ✓ Upon the candidate's successful completion of the competencies outlined, complete the Employer Endorsement section of the TCV Book.

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