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**COMPULSORY CERTIFICATION REVIEW**

The Government of Ontario has instituted a “Review” to gauge the mood / support for increasing the number of trades required to obtain a Certificate of Qualification. All background material has been posted on the OGCA website. Please go to [www.ogca.ca](http://www.ogca.ca) under “Bulletins” number 06-08 to review this information.

The government advisor, Mr. Tim Armstrong, is holding a series of stakeholder meetings to gather input from the industry. The OGCA, along with many other associations, is opposing the suggestion that C of Q needs to be expanded. The Advisor needs to hear from you. Attached are the dates, locations and registration forms. We urge you to attend these sessions and make your concerns known.

Please advise the OGCA if you attend, and what you observed. Thank you.

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TO: Apprenticeship and Certification Stakeholders

On December 10, 2007, I wrote to you inviting you to make written submissions concerning the effect of expanding compulsory certification to voluntary trades. The due date for submissions is January 25, 2008 and I look forward to receiving them.

In that correspondence I indicated that I would be meeting with stakeholders from across the province. I am pleased to share the details of these meetings. Six focus group meetings will be held:

- Monday, February 11, 2008 – TORONTO
- Friday, February 15, 2008 – TORONTO
- Tuesday, February 19, 2008 – OTTAWA
- Wednesday, February 20, 2008 - SUDBURY
- Thursday, February 21, 2008 - THUNDER BAY
- Friday, February 22, 2008 - LONDON

Each session will be a half day (please see the registration form attached for details). The meeting format will be small group facilitated discussions on issues arising from the written submissions.

Thank you for your interest and support and I look forward to meeting with you.

Sincerely,



Tim Armstrong  
Compulsory Certification Advisor

Attachment

**COMPULSORY CERTIFICATION REVIEW  
STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION MEETINGS**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**DUE DATE: FRIDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2008**

Please register. We will not be able to accommodate non-registered persons .

Name (one form per participant)	
Organization	
Business Address	
Business Telephone No.	
Business FAX No.	
E-mail address (business)	

Please select one session: \_\_\_\_\_

? <b>Mon - February 11/08 TORONTO</b> Courtyard by Marriott Downtown Toronto 475 Yonge St. (416) 924-0611 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm	? <b>Fri - February 15/08 TORONTO</b> Courtyard by Marriott Downtown Toronto 475 Yonge St. (416) 924-0611 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm
? <b>Tue - February 19/08 OTTAWA</b> Delta Hotel and Suites 361 Queen (downtown) 613-238-6000 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm	? <b>Wed - February 20/08 SUDBURY</b> Ambassador Hotel 225 Falconbridge Hwy (705) 566-3601 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm
? <b>Thu - February 21/08 THUNDER BAY</b> Victoria Inn 555 West Arthur St. (807) 577-8481, 1-800-387-3331 Kensington Room 9:00 am to 12:30 pm	? <b>Fri - February 22/08 LONDON</b> Four Points Sheraton 1150 Wellington Rd South (519) 681-0600 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Travel expenses and a per diem / wage replacement will not be funded by the Ministry.

Submit this form by fax or email:

FAX 416-326-5653

Email [compulsory.certification@ontario.ca](mailto:compulsory.certification@ontario.ca)

**REGISTER BY: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2008  
Your registration will be confirmed.**