

APPRENTICE LOANS REGULATIONS CHANGES

On May 10, 2021, the Canadian Government announced amendments to the *Apprentice Loan Act Regulations*.

The act ensures that the Red Seal trades currently designated by the Canadian Council of Directors of Apprenticeship (CCDA) are accurately reflected in the Regulations and that all apprentices registered in a Red Seal trade program are eligible for Canada Apprentice Loans.

The CCDA is a voluntary intergovernmental partnership among the provinces and territories and the federal government. The CCDA consists of 15 members, including one official from each province and territory and two federal government representatives from the Department of Employment and Social Development. The CCDA manages the Red Seal Program, which is responsible for apprenticeship training and trade certification.

THE REGULATIONS

The amendments to the Regulations will update the list of eligible trades to reflect changes by the CCDA Red Seal Program. In 2015, the Department of Employment and Social Development developed the Canada Apprentice Loan to enable apprentices registered in Red Seal trade programs to receive Canada Apprentice Loans to help cover technical training costs that form part of apprenticeship programs.

The regulatory changes will:

- Update the names of specific trades within the Regulations,
- Align the Regulations to be consistent with the Red Seal trade programs in each province and territory, and
- Come into force the day they are registered by the Privy Council Office.

SUMMARY

The regulatory amendments update specific trades' names and ensure that the Red Seal trades currently recognized by the CCDA are shown in the Regulations. These changes help clarify which Red Seal trade program apprentices are eligible for Canada Apprentice Loans.

To check the page to determine if the trades you employ are affected, click [\(here\)](#).

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the changes to the *Apprentice Loans Regulations*, please get in touch with our Advocacy team at advocacy@meritnational.com or call 1.800.755.0002.