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## Changes to Apprenticeship Opportunities Funds

**SSEAC will now fund an additional \$15,000 per apprentice per year.**

In order to provide an incentive to participate in the SSEAC apprenticeship program, the SSEAC will now provide \$15,000 per apprentice per year of their apprenticeship to offset district wage costs.

In order to receive funding from the Apprenticeship Opportunities Fund districts and locals must fill out the application form, send in the apprenticeship plan language, and send in the ITA registration form for their apprentices. In addition to the \$15,000 wage subsidy, the SSEAC will continue to subsidize the costs associated with apprenticeships such as travel, tuition, and supplies. **New Applications for the Apprenticeship Opportunity Fund will be accepted.**

The deadline for sending in ITA registration forms and receiving Apprenticeship Opportunity Funds from the SSEAC is December 31, 2009.

For information regarding the application process please refer to the following link:

<http://www.bcpsea.bc.ca/access/emplgroups/ss/sseac/sseac.html>

Note: The \$15,000 wage subsidy will be paid to districts who are already receiving apprenticeship funds from the SSEAC.

## Trades Workforce Planning Resource Paper

Attached please find a resource paper the SSEAC has put together to aid districts and locals in understanding the demographic issues surrounding the trades workforce and to provide options to consider as potential solutions.

### Questions

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