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Provincial and Territorial Labour Market Ministers Announce Implementation of the Apprenticeship Mobility Agreement

Québec City, January 18, 2016 - Provincial and territorial ministers responsible for apprenticeship and labour markets today announced the implementation of the Provincial-Territorial Apprenticeship Mobility Agreement to provide apprentices with greater recognition of their training, work experience and examination results when moving between any provinces or territories in Canada.

"Provinces and territories share labour market challenges. We must act together to promote our economic development, create jobs and foster greater alignment between the available workforce and job vacancies. The provincial-territorial agreement on apprenticeship mobility is timely and will facilitate opportunities to access labour markets for apprentices. I would like to thank my counterparts from British Columbia and Nova Scotia who lead the efforts to secure this agreement. Their important contribution was essential to moving this file forward," explained Québec's Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity and provincial co-chair of the Forum of Labour Market Ministers (FLMM), Minister Sam Hamad, on behalf of his provincial and territorial counterparts.

"This agreement enhances the ability of the provinces and territories to build a competitive, skilled workforce by making it easier for Canadians to pursue jobs where opportunities exist across the country. Apprentices have access to more training opportunities and jobs, while employers gain a wider selection of skilled workers. This agreement also complements the work our province is co-leading with other jurisdictions to improve apprenticeship programs across the country," said Shirley Bond, British Columbia's Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour.

"This agreement is an important step for apprentices," added Kelly Regan, Nova Scotia's Minister of Labour and Advanced Education. "It allows them to get full recognition of their training and experience, no matter where they work in the country. This will enable apprentices to access opportunities across Canada, so they can earn their certification more quickly."

This agreement follows the announcement and signing of the Provincial-Territorial Apprentice Mobility Protocol by Canada's provincial and territorial Premiers at the July 16, 2015 meeting of Canada's Premiers. Following the meeting, Premiers mandated ministers responsible for apprenticeship and labour markets to implement a provincial-territorial approach to mobility for apprentices and individuals involved in pre-apprenticeship training.

For more information on the agreement and all related documents/commitments reached by provinces and territories to facilitate apprentice mobility, please visit the FLMM website at: www.flmm-fmmt.ca.

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