



## POLICY STATEMENT

Policy Category:	Accessibility
Policy Title:	Supporting the Skilled Trades in Alberta
Effective Date:	November 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2007

**Whereas** stable economic growth requires the maintenance and development of infrastructure that is reliant on an ample supply of skilled laborers’.

**Whereas** “addressing the need for skilled labour is one of the key actions under [Premier] Ed Stelmach’s plan to manage growth pressures.”<sup>1</sup>

**Whereas** the Government of Alberta stated in *Alberta’s Post-secondary Education System: Developing the Blueprint for Change*, released in January 2002, that “A key challenge for Alberta given its rapidly growing economy will be to deal with skill shortages across a number of key areas” including apprenticeship trades.

**BIRT** the Government of Alberta ensure that necessary funding for apprenticeship programs remains in place regardless of fluctuations in the economy.

**BIFRT** the Government of Alberta provide appropriate access funding to increase the number of available seats in apprenticeship programs across the province and provide capital for PSE infrastructure where appropriate to ensure a sustainable quality of education.

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<sup>1</sup>“Province funds training for additional 3,600 apprentices.” [www.gov.ab.ca](http://www.gov.ab.ca). 1 Mar. 2007. Government of Alberta. 9 Nov. 2007  
<http://www.gov.ab.ca/acn/200703/210980E60468E-FB95-2171-1FBA560B68A7C3D2.HTML>.