



ONTARIO AUTOBODY APPRENTICES HAVE UNTIL JAN. 1, 2015 TO  
JOIN THE COLLEGE (otherwise, Registered Training Agreements  
canceled)

December 18, 2014

From July 1 to October 27 of this year, Ontario and the collision repair and autobody industry lost 233 apprentices.

These apprentices are working today in shops across the province, but because they did not pay the annual fee to become a member of the Ontario College of Trades, their Registered Training Agreement was suspended on September 19. If those apprentices do not pay their member fee by January 1, 2015, their Training Agreement will be canceled.

After January 1, those former apprentices will be working illegally and they and their shop's employer will be subject to investigation and prosecution, including fines and possible charges.

Employers are reminded that their apprentices must be legally registered and a member of the College in order for the business to continue using these valuable future technicians.

Employers are urged to ensure their apprentices have paid their \$60 member dues to the College immediately and retain their apprentice status. Failure to do so, will mean the apprentice and employer must re-register.

A number of employers continue to believe that a "helper" is an apprentice. Unless the apprentice possesses a signed Registered Training Agreement, this is not the case. Many employers may also have staff that have not have been to "apprenticeship school" for some time, or never, and have missed training opportunities that are generally offered at no charge to apprentices at community colleges.

This would be the opportunity to check with the local college or with CIIA at 1 866 309 4272 and enroll that apprentice for their missed classroom training.

For more information or to ensure that your apprentice continues to possess a valid training agreement, please call the Ontario College of Trades at 1 855 299 0028, toll-free.

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