



SASTT Withdraws from CCTT

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Looks to New Partnership Arrangement

SASTT Board of Directors decided to withdraw membership in the Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists (CCTT) in favor of creating a new partnership with other provincial associations that have also recently decided to end their association with CCTT. This decision was taken after careful consideration of the benefits associated with CCTT membership and the need to find a new means by which to address SASTT's needs as a professional regulatory authority. SASTT joins British Columbia, Alberta, and Ontario who also withdrew from CCTT in March of 2010 as most recent association to leave CCTT. The professionals in Quebec (OTPG) left CCTT in 2009.

Background

SASTT has been a supporter of a national agency or federation through which SASTT is able to enhance the creation of national standards, portability of credentials and similar interests. While these needs and interests have not changed substantially, SASTT and other provincial associations have reached the conclusion that a new vehicle is required, one that will more effectively achieve our requirements.

In the past 10 years, serious concerns related to the effectiveness of the current national federation model necessitated a review of the CCTT framework. SASTT left the federation in 2007. During our departure, the remaining members of the CCTT federation hired a Third Party Consultant to review CCTT operations. The review provided hope for major changes. In the Fall of 2009, SASTT returned to the CCTT on the condition that the CCTT adhere to its Bylaws, and incorporate all the recommendations in the Third Party Review. During the past five months, developments have led the SASTT Board of Directors to conclude that the change required would not materialize within the current CCTT framework. A new national partnership initiative is deemed the best means to serve the Saskatchewan public and SASTT members.

A New Model Will Bring New Opportunities

SASTT has served Saskatchewan for 45 years, 12 years under the "***Saskatchewan Applied Science Technologists and Technicians Act***" (the SASTT Act), and this commitment to service will continue under a new partnering arrangement. SASTT will continue to work with other professional associations of applied science / engineering technologists and technicians in areas of common interest.

What It Means Going Forward

SASTT functions under provincial legislation (the SASTT Act) and as such the public, educational institutions and members will not notice any changes regardless of what occurs at the national level. There is no requirement under legislation for our provincial association to belong to a national organization. You can be assured that:

1. SASTT designations “A.Sc.T.”, and “C.Tech.” remain secure.
2. SASTT remains committed to a stronger national accreditation process of technical programs as one of our main priorities.
3. SASTT is committed to the maintenance and development of the National Technology Benchmarks (NTB) for academics and working to bring them in line with the requirements for provincial registration as one of our main priorities.
4. Inter-provincial labour mobility remains secure.

Given the importance of this issue, SASTT will be keeping you apprised of developments as they unfold.

SASTT Board of Directors