

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** District School Boards delivering the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)

**FROM:** Regional Director  
Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development

**DATE:** January 25, 2022

**SUBJECT:** New Skilled Trades Ontario Portal for Apprentices and Sponsors

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### **Background about the New Skilled Trades Ontario Portal**

Earlier today, the Ontario government announced Skilled Trades Ontario, a new Crown agency where apprentices and tradespeople will be able to access registration, certification, renewals and trade equivalency assessments all in one place, with many services offered digitally. The agency replaces the Ontario College of Trades and will, at maturity, become the single point of access for all apprenticeship and skilled trades clients.

The digital portal will be delivered in phases, with priority functionality for users in early releases. Our goal is to build a one-window online channel for all skilled trades and apprenticeship clients.

### **Skilled Trades Ontario Portal Impacted Client Groups**

In the first phase, select digital services will become available to sponsors, apprentices and journeypersons. There will be no change for OYAP and Pre-Apprenticeship Program participants at this time.

Additional communications will be shared as the functionality of the digital portal is expanded through future releases.

If you have any questions about the portal, you may contact your local Employment and Training Consultant responsible for your DSB's OYAP transfer payment agreement.