

Review of the Impact of Expanding Compulsory Certification to Voluntary Trades

STATEMENT OF WORK

Background

The Government of Ontario wants to ensure that Ontario's apprenticeship and certification system continues to meet proper safety standards, provides value to consumers and serves the needs of the province's growing economy. To support this objective, the government has committed to review whether compulsory certification should be expanded to include trades for which certification is presently voluntary.

Tim Armstrong (the "Advisor") has been appointed by the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities (Minister) pursuant to subsection 2(2) of the *Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.19.

Objectives

The mandate of the Advisor is to review the impact of expanding compulsory certification to trades that are voluntary and to submit a report to the Minister with his findings and recommendations on this issue. The review and the report must take into account the following factors:

- i. Health and safety
- ii. The registration of new apprentices
- iii. The number of apprentices who complete apprenticeship training
- iv. Consumer protection
- v. Economic impact, and
- vi. Any other factor(s) that the Advisor considers relevant to achieve the objectives.

Expected Outcome

The expected outcome of the review is a written report, to be submitted to the Minister within six months of the appointment of the Advisor, which fully addresses the stated objectives of the review and includes the following:

1. An impact analysis of expanding compulsory certification with reference to the factors listed above.
2. A decision framework, including recommendations and rationales, to facilitate a decision-making process regarding expanding compulsory certification to individual trades seeking compulsory certification. The framework may include

recommendations on criteria that may be used to assess a request for compulsory certification. The benefits and risks associated with implementing the recommendations are also to be assessed in the report.

The objectives and expected outcome do not include making recommendations for government action in respect of existing industry requests for compulsory certification.

All work (including research) produced by the Advisor relating to the objectives and expected outcome will be owned by the Crown in right of Ontario.

Term

The appointment is from August 1, 2007 to the earlier of the completion of the outcomes or six months from the date of appointment.