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5,000 Red Seal Completion Bonus – Applications Now Open

Sisters and Brothers,

I am pleased to announce that applications for the federal government's $5,000 Red Seal Completion Bonus are now open.

This achievement reflects the strength of our collective voice. The IBEW, alongside Canada's Building Trades Unions, fought to restore this benefit and secure retroactive eligibility. Now, we must ensure every eligible member knows about this benefit and has the opportunity to apply.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Applicants must have completed a registered apprenticeship and earned certification in an eligible Red Seal trade on or after April 1, 2025. Those who obtained certification without completing a registered apprenticeship are not eligible. Check eligibility requirements HERE.

IMPORTANT APPLICATION DEADLINES

Application Type	Certification Dates	Application Deadline
Retroactive Certified Journeypersons	Between April 1, 2025, and November 15, 2026	**May 31, 2027**
Newly Certified Journeypersons	On or after November 16, 2026	**Within 28 calendar days of starting application**

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are available online through Service Canada. Applicants should have their personal and banking information, apprentice identification number, certification details and supporting documents ready. The bonus is taxable but does not affect Employment Insurance benefits. Before starting your application, check what documents you need HERE.

LINKS

Apply for the Red Seal Completion Bonus

View Eligible Red Seal Trades

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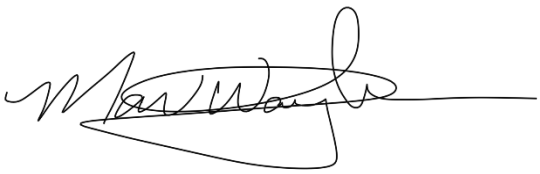
HELP SPREAD THE WORD

Please share this information through your membership communications, social media, training centres, apprenticeship committees and affinity groups (NextGen, Women's, Veterans'). Reach out directly to recently certified journeypersons, particularly those eligible under the retroactive period.

Thank you for your continued support.

In solidarity,



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