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**CCTT AND TAC PARTNER
TO DEVELOP ONE SET OF NATIONAL STANDARDS**

The Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists (CCTT) and Technology Accreditation Canada (TAC) have reached an agreement to work collaboratively to develop one set of national educational standards for Canada's engineering technology and applied science profession.

The standards are a set of learning outcomes for technicians and technologists. Applicable at the time a student graduates, the learning outcomes represent the knowledge, skills and attitudes a student has acquired to effectively function in the workplace in accordance with general and discipline specific recognized practices of engineering technology or applied science.

The standards are used by accrediting and certifying bodies, educational institutions, industry and government for various purposes including national program accreditation, certification of engineering technology and applied science professionals and curriculum development.

The basis for the new set of standards will be the National Technology Benchmarks and the Canadian Technology Accreditation Criteria used by CCTT and TAC respectively.

Over the next 5 years, the standards will be reviewed and refined, under the guidance of CSA Group, to better reflect the profession of today.

According to CCTT Chair, Sean Piercey, CET, IntET (Canada) "the creation of one single standard is among the most important issues facing Canada's technology profession. CCTT is fully committed to this partnership with TAC and in advancing development of the new standard".

"We are pleased to be working with the Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists towards the creation of a single set of bilingual, national technology standards" comments Peter Portlock, TAC Board Chair. "Having stakeholders from all provinces join us on this exciting and important journey is critical to the forward movement of the engineering technology and applied science profession".

About CCTT

CCTT advocates on behalf of Canada's technology profession through the promotion of professional certification, the advancement of national technology standards, national and international mobility, and national accreditation through the Canadian Technology Accreditation Board. For more information visit www.cctt.ca.

About TAC

Through accreditation, TAC is committed to partnering with educational institutions to ensure students receive a quality education that meets the standards of Canada's engineering technology and applied science profession. For more information about TAC or how to apply for accreditation, please visit technologyaccreditation.ca.

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