

# ESSENTIAL SKILLS FORUM



Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 2018, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm  
at the Skills Canada National Competition  
Edmonton Expo Centre, Edmonton, AB

HIGHLIGHTING  
**THINKING –  
PROBLEM SOLVING**

## THE FACTS

- 74% of employers find Essential Skills relevant to their business (ABC Life Literacy, 2013)
- Employers report that graduates entering their workplace have only 30% of the Essential Skills needed for the job
- Canadians aged 16-24 rank below average in their literacy and numeracy skills compared to 23 other countries (OECD, 2012)
- In Canada, approximately 28% of your earnings is directly related to your Essential Skills
- Apprentices with the Essential Skills they need for their trade are eight times more likely to pass their technical exams

Having an employee with higher level of Essential Skills is much more valuable to potential employers because the individual will have:

- an attention to safety
- the ability to work in a team setting
- a greater aptitude in problem solving
- improved client service skills
- an ability to adapt to change
- an advanced knowledge of numerical skills, including estimation, budgeting and calibrations

Skills shortages remain a significant challenge in Canada. Our country supports initiatives that help ensure Canadians have the Essential Skills needed to participate fully in the labour market and in their communities.

## WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

- Meet other colleagues in your field
- Share experiences and learn from others
- Be inspired to bring back information and make changes
- Meet experts in the fields of Essential Skills and skilled trades and technology training
- Attend the Skills Canada National Competition
- Essential Skills based educational resources available, including several new classroom activities to choose from

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Teachers/Educators

Guidance/Career Counsellors

Apprenticeship Stakeholders

Parents/Youth Influencers

Skilled Trades Employers and  
Labour Union Representatives

This Forum will bring together over 150 stakeholders that will encourage them to understand the importance of educating young students on the essential skills and their prominence within the trades and technology sectors.

Essential Skills Forums are held twice a year.

Look for an Essential Skills Forum in a city near you!

Let's Learn from each other!  
Start making a difference today.

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