

# Linking Apprenticeship and “Essential Skills”

## Would you like to know:

- The role that Essential Skills may play in the successful completion of apprenticeship training?
- About apprenticeship training projects across Canada that involve Essential Skills?
- How apprenticeship stakeholders are coming together to create momentum for Essential Skills initiatives that benefit all?

If so, you will be interested in the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum – Forum canadien sur l'apprentissage (CAF-FCA)'s Essential Skills study.

## What are “Essential Skills?”

CAF-FCA's *Assessing and Completing Apprenticeship Training in Canada - Perceptions of Barriers Report* cites the lack of Essential Skills as one factor which may prevent a person from successfully accessing and completing apprenticeship training. Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) defines Essential Skills as the:

“...skills needed for work, learning and life. They provide the foundation for learning all other skills and enable people to evolve with their jobs and adapt to workplace change.”

## HRSDC has identified 9 Essential Skills:

- Reading Text
- Document Use
- Writing
- Oral Communications
- Continuous Learning
- Thinking Skills
- Numeracy
- Working with Others
- Computer Use

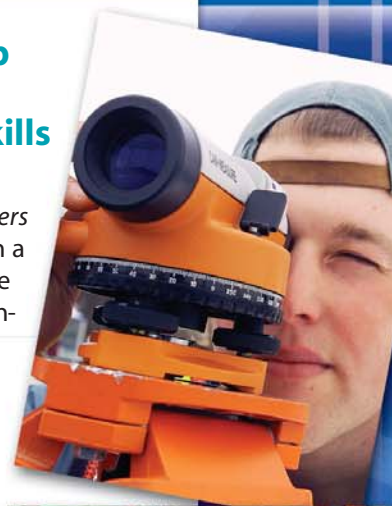
## Discover the relationship between apprenticeship training and Essential Skills

As a result of the Essential Skills findings in the *Perceptions and Barriers Report*, the CAF-FCA has undertaken a research study. The study examines the relationship between success in apprenticeship training and Essential Skills, and contains a selection of detailed case studies of projects across Canada.

## Through the study we will explore:

- The degree to which each of the Essential Skills may be considered an enabler to accessing and completing apprenticeship training programs in Canada;
- Whether one or several Essential Skills are uniquely linked to apprenticeship;
- How labour and business organizations, educators, equity seeking groups and/or government jurisdictions across Canada are successfully initiating, developing, and implementing apprenticeship and Essential Skills projects;
- Whether these initiatives are specific to particular regions, trades or segments of the population;
- The degree to which apprenticeship stakeholders understand the benefits of Essential Skills;
- Practical information that can be used to strategize and plan Essential Skills initiatives in your apprenticeship programs;
- And more...

*The final report is scheduled for completion in late 2006.*



For more information, please visit:

[www.caf-fca.org/english/essentialskills.asp](http://www.caf-fca.org/english/essentialskills.asp)



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