

Hot Off the Press

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CPISC board charts future direction

Providing tools for employers and educators will be a focus for the Canadian Printing Industries Sector Council (CPISC) for 2009. The CPISC Board met in Toronto last week, where they discussed the next steps for the sector council and how it can best support the printing and graphic communications industry.

CPISC executive director, Marie Eveline, said skills, training and recognition would be a strong focus. "We have had a lot of interest in our National PRESS [Skill Standards](#) and we want to build on those over the coming year," she said.

In addition to current projects to develop skill standards for people working in pre-press and finishing and bindery, CPISC aims to develop skill standards for the production support area, and explore options for accrediting training institutions and providers.

Other 2009 project plans

agreed to by the CPISC Board include developing a set of training needs assessment and career pathway tools to help small to medium employers identify how to maximize employee training with limited resources. The tools will also help employees develop career options. Development of an HR toolkit for smaller print company operators is also planned.

Marie says CPISC will now develop a series of concept papers to present to the Government's Department of Human Resources and Social Development in November.

"Our aim will be to secure funding for our new project plans, because from our industry feedback these are the tools and supports the industry and employees need to help them continue to thrive and prosper," Marie said. Further updates will be provided as plans progress.



Communication

The Canadian Printing Industries Sector Council wants to improve the way it communicates with industry members around important human resource issues. Our latest [Hot Off the Press](#) e-update has gone to all printing and graphic communications industry contacts on our list. If you don't want to receive CPISC updates in future, please use the link below to remove your name from our contact list.

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New CPISC website

The Canadian Printing Industries Sector Council this week launched its new website www.cpisc-csic.ca

The site is easier to navigate and highlights the work of CPISC under its key focus areas: Labour Market

Intelligence; Standards and Certification; and Training and Education.

The site also offers information on upcoming events, including Forum 2009, the third annual CPISC Forum for the printing and graphic communications industry sector.