



## Council Approves Mandatory Continuing Professional Development

### New program launches January 2016

Engineering and applied science technicians and technologists have an important role in society to serve and protect the safety, health and welfare of the public. Like other certified professions, it's vital that we can assure governments, employers, clients and the public - as well as our own peers in the industry - that our members are up-to-date with professional development in both hard and soft skills.

To earn and keep the public's trust, OACETT's engineering technicians and technologists need to demonstrate that their work meets high standards. For this reason, the Association's Council has unanimously approved its Committee's recommendation to adopt mandatory Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for most members, effective January 1, 2016.

"In today's fast-changing world, continuous learning is essential to manage the uncertainties and opportunities that change creates," explained Vince LeFaive, C.E.T., VP IETO. "What's more, our future as a respected profession depends on it." This initiative is in keeping with the Attorney General's expectation that regulatory groups follow the Elliot Lake Inquiry recommendation to introduce CPD.

The program's ample flexibility provides multiple options for members, including self-directed study, ensuring they remain competent in their chosen technology career. In many cases, members may already be doing enough on their own, or for their employer, to comply. Full details of the program's features are available by clicking on the CPD button below or look for the [CPD tab](#) on the Home Page at [www.oacett.org](http://www.oacett.org).

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Sincerely,

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