

## **ASTTBC MOVES TO AN ONLINE CERTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION PROCESS**

As of November 22, 2011, ASTTBC became Canada's first provincial association for technology professionals to fully transition to the Technology Registrations Canada (TRC) web-based online certification and registration process. From this date, ASTTBC will receive and process all applications for certification, reclassification and change of discipline – both from Canada and from around the world – over the internet. Other associations for technology professionals are considering use of TRC as a means to more effectively serve applicants and build a Pan-Canadian Framework for professional certification and registration.

[Technology Registrations Canada](#) (TRC) was developed in partnership with Canada's other provincial associations for technology professionals over the last three years. The main objectives of TRC are to promote labour mobility in Canada and from overseas while ensuring applications are processed with fairness, transparency, timeliness and consistency. Other benefits include the ability of subject experts to review applications from anywhere in Canada and eliminate paper from the certification process.

TRC is built on the same national standards that are used for the accreditation of technology programs offered by colleges and institutes across Canada: the National Technology Benchmarks (NTB). The TRC project has led to the development of common practices that help technology professionals have their training and experience fully recognized at a time when the availability of qualified practitioners is becoming a critical issue in many fields and areas of the country.

### **WHAT TRC MEANS FOR APPLICANTS FOR CERTIFICATION...**

From November 22, 2011, all individuals applying to ASTTBC for certification, reclassification and change of discipline may use the TRC web site to conduct a self-assessment of their technical competencies, select ASTTBC as the association to which they wish to apply, and complete and submit an online application form.

Since the NTBs are outcome competency-based, it is critical that applicants provide evidence in support of any competency claimed and nominate qualified individuals who are willing to act as technical references to validate the applicant's claims for competency.

Once an application has been submitted, the applicant can monitor the status of their application and study the requirements for professional practice and ethics through an online manual.

### **WHAT TRC MEANS FOR STUDENT MEMBERS...**

Student members who graduated from a Canadian Nationally accredited program are not required to provide details of how their education supports the competencies claimed in their application. However, they are still required to complete a self-assessment so they can document their work experience for each competency claimed and technical references can in turn validate their claims.