

*Members' Bulletin: 2013-06*

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To All OIRCA Members:

## **Ontario College of Trades Compulsory Trade Enforcement**

Now that Ontario's College of Trades (OCOT) is officially up and running, members should be aware of pending enforcement policies as it relates to compulsory trades. Of course the roofing trade is regulated but is voluntary not compulsory. Sheet metal on the other hand is.

As all OIRCA members operate sheet metal shops, fabricate and install roofing related sheet metal i.e. copings and flashings you should be employing only those sheet metal mechanics that possess a valid Certificate of Qualification (C of Q).

Beginning June 6, 2013 OCOT enforcement officers along with Ministry of Labour inspectors will be visiting shops and job sites to enforce this requirement. Initial visits will probably be introductory in nature but be aware that eventually proof of C of Q possession will be requested.

You should also be aware that employees that belong to a compulsory trade must become members of the OCOT and pay annual membership fees. As members they must carry with them a valid OCOT membership card or their C of Q. Ministry-issued C of Q's will eventually be replaced by OCOT-issued C of Q's and will require annual renewal.

We encourage you to discuss these developments with your sheet metal employees.

For more detailed information regarding OCOT go to their website at [www.collegeoftrades.ca](http://www.collegeoftrades.ca).

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