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FORD TO CLOSE COLLEGE OF TRADES

Today, the Ford Government announced that they will phase-out the Ontario College of Trades, place a moratorium on further trade certifications, and reduce apprenticeship ratios across the board to 1-to-1. The government news release is available at:

<https://news.ontario.ca/medq/en/2018/10/ontarios-government-for-the-people-cutting-red-tape-in-order-to-help-create-and-protect-jobs.html>



IBEW WAIVES 50/50 ON APPLICATIONS UNDER 400 HOURS

For those of you who were unaware, the IBEW Local 586 has partnered with ECA Ottawa to waive the 50/50 Rule for Stabilization Fund Applications under 400 hours. All you have to do to take advantage of this process is contact Mr. John Bourke at the IBEW office 613-741-5664. This program has been in effect for a while and has enjoyed excellent success.



ECA OTTAWA WELCOMES NEW MEMBER

The ECA Ottawa is proud to welcome **TAS Electric Inc.** to our list of members. Owners Gary and Andrew Winch are excited to be back with the ECA with their new company. They now have access to the entire list of educational offerings, discount programs, business tools and much more. Please join us in congratulating TAS Electric and welcoming them to ECA Ottawa.



2018 CHRISTMAS GALA NOVEMBER 30

ECA Ottawa President Mark Conrad and his wife Susan invite you to this year's **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GALA**. It will be held at the Chateau Laurier Hotel in the Adam Room. The welcoming reception begins at 6:00pm. Dinner will be served at 7:00pm and entertainment will be provided by the Sway Orchestra. There are a limited number of reserved hotel rooms for your convenience and additional seats for the gala can be purchased at \$300 per couple. The ECA Ottawa office will send an invoice for extra attendees. Please register by November 16, 2018. You can register for the gala and reserve your hotel room online by [clicking here](#).



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