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Siding Installer Training Program Available

The Siding Contractors Association of Alberta (SCAA) has released the first online module of their Siding Installer Training Program. This module covers the weather resistant barrier system (WRBS), a component of the building envelope commonly supplied and installed by siding installers. It is designed to provide current and incoming siding installers and site supervisors the knowledge and skills they need to properly install and recognize an effective weather resistant barrier system.

This is the first of six modules. Completion of all the modules and skills assessment by a contractor can lead to a Siding Installer Certificate. A Siding Contractor is now considered a designated Occupation in Alberta, providing the ability for the SCAA to create a certificate program for this trade. Siding installers with this certification will be well equipped to provide installation of a critical part of the building construction.

The course can be accessed [here](#).

Province Resumes Work on Brownfields

The Province of Alberta is continuing to work on recommendations from a 2012 task group on enabling brownfield development. CHBA – Alberta has been asked to participate on a small task group that will review the Remediation Certificate Regulation. Specific amendments are being considered in the following areas:

- Closure mechanisms;
- Reporting and remediation requirements; and
- Risk management.

CHBA – Alberta is seeking information from members who have been involved in brownfield developments in the last five years. Please contact [Scott Fash](#) if you have worked on such a project.

Province Begins a Home Improvement Rebate Program

Starting April 28, rebates will be available for the upgrading of insulation, windows, and tankless hot water tanks. To take part in the Home Improvement Rebate program, homeowners must work with a registered contractor listed on www.encyalberta.ca. The contractors will be trained on the program's rebate levels and parameters. Members who supply and install these products and renovators may be able to qualify as eligible program contractors.

The home improvement rebate is intended for existing home owners and not for new builds. There may be future consideration for a new buildings program.

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