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In its role of administering Category 5+, the Teacher Qualification Service (TQS) has developed an information package for teachers holding Red Seal trades qualifications.

A Red Seal trades qualification does not equate to Category 5+ but may, upon evaluation by TQS, provide credits towards Category 5+ placement.

The British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) has agreed to assist TQS in its role of evaluating Red Seal trades qualifications for Category 5+ placement.

Teachers are advised to either call or fax TQS for the information package. Due to a large volume of email traffic, email will not be immediately responded to.

The BCTF has sent a bulletin to local presidents advising them of the above information.

**Questions**

Should you require assistance or wish to discuss this issue further, please contact your BCPSEA labour relations liaison.

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