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To: Unifor Local Union Presidents & Recording Secretaries, Unifor National Skilled Trades Delegates

Unifor National Skilled Trades Collective Bargaining & New Technology Conference

February 10-12, 2026

Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel | Toronto, Ontario

Greetings,

The Unifor National Skilled Trades Collective Bargaining and New Technology Conference will take place February 10-12, 2026, at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel (123 Queen Street West, Toronto), in the Civic Ballroom. The conference will be called to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 10 and adjourn no later than 12:00 p.m. on February 12.

This year the conference will focus on resolutions to set the bargaining priority for Unifor Skilled Trades workers to continue to protect these important skilled trades Canadian jobs in all sectors of the union. We will also hear from exciting guest speakers on the evolving technology within the trade and apprenticeship updates.

Registration

Local Unions that wish to register attendees for this conference can do so through the Unifor online registration portal by visiting: <https://register1.unifor.org/>.

The registration fee for this conference is \$250.00 per attendee. Registration fees can be paid via cheque. Please make the cheque payable to Unifor and include Skilled Trades Conference in the memo line.

Please mail the cheque to:
Unifor National Office
Attention: Jenny Wong - Skilled Trades Department
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Canada

The deadline to register is January 16, 2026.

Eligibility

Delegates to the Conference

Delegates to this Conference must be skilled workers of journeyperson status in good standing in their local union and Unifor National Skilled Trades Council (UNSTC) and must be elected or selected. Wherein Local Union collective agreements or bylaws provide for Skilled Trades representative(s) to be elected by the Skilled Trades from a skilled occupation, those representative(s) shall attend the Skilled Trades Conference as regular delegate(s).

This procedure has been approved to assure the skilled workers that are elected representative(s) will participate in the collective bargaining process.

Fraternal Delegates to the Conference

Fraternal Delegates shall have voice but no vote and may include non-UNSTC Skilled Trades members, Local Union officers and bargaining committee members.

Fraternal Delegates will be issued credentials based on the following conditions:

- When the Local Union has elected or selected regular Skilled Trades for the conference; or
- If no Skilled Trades workers are available, contact the UNSTC Chair Ken Anderson via email to: ken.anderson@unifor.org.

Hotel Reservation Information

A block of rooms is being held at the Sheraton Centre Toronto at a rate of \$309.00 for single or double occupancy.

To book accommodations please visit:

https://book.passkey.com/e/51126604?utm_source=6564&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=298596690&trkid=605050315&linkid=3813814850

You can also call to make your reservation to 416-361-1000 or toll free to 1-888-627-7175. Please quote the *Unifor Skilled Trades Bargaining and New Technology Conference February 2026* to secure the negotiated rate.

The guaranteed rate is only available until **January 16, 2026**, after this, rates will be based on availability.

Travel Information

Air Canada

Toll Free: 1-888-247-2262 (in Canada)
TTY 1-800-361-8071
Online at www.aircanada.com
Promotional Code: C4ACNFR1

Porter Airlines

Toll Free: 1-888-619-8622
TTY: 1-855-542-3707 extension 711
Online: www.flyporter.com
WestJet
Toll Free: 1-888-937-8538
TTY: 1-877-952-0100
Online: www.westjet.ca

Via Rail

Via Rail has offered a 5% discount off the best available fare in Economy, Economy Plus, Business, Business Plus, and Sleeper Class. If you wish to take advantage of these savings, please contact VIA Rail at 1-888-842-7245 (in Canada), TTY 1-800-268-9503 (hearing impaired), or online at viarail.ca. In all cases, please quote code 811133.Child Care

Accessibility

Unifor seeks to make all union events accessible and barrier free. If you require accommodations for human rights related needs, we invite you to provide us with your relevant information so we can take all reasonable steps to address any barriers to your participation in your Union. Please email requests to trades@unifor.org.

Questions

If you have questions regarding the conference or require additional information, please contact trades@unifor.org.

We look forward to seeing you all in Toronto!

In solidarity,



Lana Payne
National President



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