

**New Brunswick Office of the Comptroller  
Designated a Chartered Accountant Training Office**

**SAINT JOHN:** On November 26, 2008, The New Brunswick Institute of Chartered Accountants (NBICA) approved the Office of Comptroller ("OoC"), Province of New Brunswick, as a Chartered Accountant Training Office.

Historically, the training of entry level CA students - a paid 30 month work-term required to achieve a CA designation - took place within a public practice Chartered Accountancy firm. However, during 2007, the Canadian CA profession, including the New Brunswick Institute of Chartered Accountants, approved changes whereby employers outside the sphere of public accounting could apply to provide CA designation training. The OoC is the second office to be approved in New Brunswick, following that of J.D. Irving, Limited in September 2007.

"The OoC proposal readily satisfies the training standard expected from employers that wish to train students to become CAs in Canada", says Jack Blackier, LL.B., FCA, Executive Director of the New Brunswick Institute of Chartered Accountants. "The Comptroller- with the full support of the Minister of Finance and key senior civil servants - has developed a comprehensive 30 month training and evaluation program that encompasses a wide variety of opportunities and exposure to various competencies across a number of government Departments and Crown Agencies."

"As with all of our approved training offices, we seek employers who are determined to establish a very high standard - both for the employers and for prospective CAs. The Comptroller's Office is committed to developing quality learning experiences and career opportunities for the next generation of Chartered Accountants within the New Brunswick civil service," Blackier said.

Kim MacPherson, CA, Comptroller, is extremely pleased that the OoC has been approved as a CA training office by the NBICA. "This will facilitate our objective to enhance the financial capacity and to fulfill succession planning needs throughout government departments. We anticipate a growing need for qualified financial professionals in coming years."

The Hon. Victor Boudreau, New Brunswick Finance Minister, also supports the Comptroller in this initiative. "It fits in well with our Self sufficiency agenda, particularly our objective to create opportunities to recruit and retain young professionals in our province. As the government focuses on succession planning, this will help us get the best and brightest minds in finance to serve the people of New Brunswick for many years to come."

The CA pre-certification program provides for three consecutive years of progressive practical experience and academic education in order to achieve the CA designation.

The Office of the Comptroller intends to begin recruitment and training of program participants in 2009.

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