

## **Helmets to Hardhats**

The Government of Canada is committed to supporting our Veterans by providing them with the support they need, when and where they need it. This includes providing them with skills and job opportunities to transition from military to civilian life, while keeping Canada's economy strong.

To this end, the Government of Canada contributed \$150,000 to support Helmets to Hardhats, a program that brings union, private and public sector resources together to help provide Veterans, Canadian Armed Forces personnel and Reservists access to a range of careers within the construction industry, including apprenticeships in various building trades. As part of the process, Helmets to Hardhats Canada, a national, not-for profit organization, can help Veterans explain how the skills they have acquired in the military benefit private sector employers.

The Helmets to Hardhats Canada program, a partnership with Canada's Building Trades Unions, will benefit Veterans and Canadians by:

- Providing transitioning Veterans with exclusive access to jobs and training opportunities in the construction industry where they can apply the skills they developed in the Canadian Armed Forces;
- Helping Veterans provide for their families and to contribute to their communities in a new way;
- Helping to meet labour needs in the construction sector; and
- Helping to generate employment that continues to fuel Canada's long-term economic growth.

The Helmets to Hardhats program complements existing programs available through Veterans Affairs Canada to help Veterans transition to civilian life:

- The Career Transition Services program, which is offered in partnership with the Canadian Armed Forces, helps Canadian Armed Forces personnel and Veterans re-enter the civilian workforce by providing services that focus on three principal areas: job-search training, individual career counseling and job-finding assistance.
- The Rehabilitation Program provides a range of rehabilitation services, including vocational assistance, to medically releasing Canadian Armed Forces personnel and Veterans who have service-related rehabilitation needs.

For more information, visit [www.helmetstohardhats.ca](http://www.helmetstohardhats.ca) or contact the office at 1-613-238-2301.