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The Canadian Payroll Association Congratulates 1,100 Newly Certified Payroll Professionals and Award Winners Nationally

Certified Payroll Professionals are Job-Ready and Embody the Values of Community, Professionalism and Authoritative Payroll Compliance Knowledge

TORONTO (April 21, 2016) – The Canadian Payroll Association (CPA) proudly hosted its 11th annual Certification Recognition Events at eight locations across Canada to recognize the achievements of newly certified payroll professionals. The CPA offers the *only* [payroll certification](#) programs in Canada—the [Payroll Compliance Practitioner \(PCP\)](#) and [Certified Payroll Manager \(CPM\)](#) accreditations. This year, the CPA welcomed 1,100 PCPs and CPMs to the growing community of 14,000 certified payroll professionals. Certification Recognition Events were held in eight locations nationally throughout the month of April including Edmonton, Calgary, Toronto, Vancouver, Kitchener, Montreal, Winnipeg and Halifax.

The CPA had the opportunity to recognize the outstanding academic achievement of new PCPs from each Canadian region. Gold, Silver and Bronze awards were presented to the top three students who demonstrated outstanding academic excellence by earning the top marks in their regions for core PCP certification payroll compliance courses.

The CPA congratulates this year's regional award winners:

Atlantic Region: Susan Vere-Holloway (Gold); Angela Lake (Silver); and Mary Lynn Dalton (Bronze).

Greater Toronto Area: Liliana De Jesus (Gold); Jacqueline Gurr (Silver); and Selvanathan Thuraiappah (Bronze).

Ontario Region: Joann Wiltenburg (Gold); Beverley Wall (Silver); and Sushila Raju (Bronze).

Pacific Region: Elsie Rempel (Gold); Sherry Popoff (Silver); and Loralie Eidse (Bronze).

Prairie Region: Carmen Schmidt (Gold); Mengyu Gong (Silver); and Hui Ai (Fiona) Tan (Bronze).

Quebec Region: Waclaw Tutak (Gold); Magdalena Stoica (Petrovici) (Silver); and Joanne Bouley (Bronze).

The CPA will also award Gold, Silver, and Bronze honours to the top three academic performers nationwide at the Association's 34th Annual [Payroll Conference and Trade Show](#) in Calgary, Alberta taking place June 15th-18th.



“On behalf of the Canadian Payroll Association, I would like to congratulate our newly certified Payroll Compliance Practitioners and Certified Payroll Managers,” said Steven Van Alstine, Vice-President of Education at the CPA. “These payroll professionals have increased their value as employees and raised the standards of payroll compliance excellence in their organizations.”

This year’s certification graduates are part of an extensive community of 14,000 certified payroll professionals across the country. Payroll professionals perform a mission-critical function—Canada’s 1.5 million employers rely on these payroll professionals for timely and accurate payment of \$901 billion in wages and benefits annually, along with \$305 billion in statutory remittances and \$169 billion in health and retirement benefits, all while complying with more than 200 federal and provincial regulatory requirements.

The PCP certification is increasingly being recognized by employers as *the* requirement for a role with payroll responsibilities. PCP certification provides the legislative and regulatory content required to keep an organization compliant for the annual payroll cycle, effectively communicate payroll information to all stakeholders, and administer the payroll accounting function. The CPM program builds upon this compliance knowledge and develops additional management skills and competencies, for experienced payroll professionals to manage a payroll department. Data from the 2016 Hays Canada Payroll Salary survey showed that certified payroll professionals are paid \$10,000, or one full salary band, more than their uncertified peers, especially at senior levels, and that these professionals tend to have more compliance responsibilities.

For those considering certification, the Association offers a demo of the PCP platform through its [Visitor’s Centre](#). For more information on the Canadian Payroll Association’s [Certification Programs](#), [Benefits of Membership](#) and [Professional Development](#), visit payroll.ca / paie.ca.

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About the Canadian Payroll Association:

Canada’s 1.5 million employers rely on payroll practitioners to ensure the timely and accurate annual payment of \$865 billion in wages and taxable benefits, \$290 billion in statutory remittances to the federal and provincial governments, and \$163 billion in health and retirement benefits, while complying with more than 190 federal and provincial regulatory requirements. Since 1978, the Canadian Payroll Association has annually influenced the payroll compliance practices and processes of over five hundred thousand organizational payrolls. As the authoritative source of Canadian payroll compliance knowledge, the Canadian Payroll Association promotes payroll compliance through education and advocacy.

