



Learning Networks
of Ontario

Skills for the Journey

How Get SET can strengthen apprenticeship progression and success.



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We share the same end goal

More apprentices progressing, completing training, and becoming journey persons.

LNO provides a useful option when barriers get in the way.

Get SET is always focused on the client's next successful step.



Who LNO is

Learning Networks of Ontario is a coalition of 16 Regional Literacy Networks.

Networks connect local Get SET providers, community partners, and adult learners.

Regional Networks understand local service systems and referral pathways.

For Advisors, the Regional Network can be the first call when the right provider is not obvious.

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**Regional
Literacy
Networks**

Local navigation.
Province-wide reach.
No wrong door.



What Get SET provides

Free, individualized skills upgrading for Ontario adults.

Applied reading + writing

Technical documents, forms, logs, instructions

Math for the trades

Measurement, formulas, problem solving, estimation

Digital skills

Online systems, email, portals, learning platforms

Study + test strategies

Learning plans, exam prep, confidence

Credential / training readiness

Academic upgrading and pathway planning

Exam readiness

C of Q / Red Seal preparation

The support is built around the client's goal. It is not a one-size-fits-all course.



Who we see in Get SET

Get SET already serves apprentices and people moving toward apprenticeship.

Apprentices

working, in school, or approaching an exam

Pre-apprentices

building readiness for training or employment

Newcomers with trades experience

preparing to navigate Ontario pathways

Apprenticeship-curious adults

exploring fit, readiness, and next steps

Their needs often show up as real-life problems: math on the job, technical material, online forms, in-school training, exam preparation, confidence, or “what do I do next?”



The support clients usually want

They never ask for “literacy.” They ask for help with the issue in front of them.

Less academic

more applied

Quick when possible

focused on the next step

Flexible

around work and family

Customized

to the trade, level, exam, or task

Respectful

strengths-based and adult-oriented

Practical

connected to real trade goals

The client should not feel like they are going back to school. Our approach is “let’s build the skills you need for this next step in your journey.”



Applied support can change a life trajectory

From Grade 10... to heavy equipment operator... to business owner

Client's starting point

- Grade 10 education
- Unemployed and changing careers
- Short funding window
- Needed trades prerequisites

What Get SET did

- Mapped the training pathway
- Supported OSSD completion
- Six weeks of math upgrading
- Real demos of geometry
- Practice using measurement tools
- Test-taking strategies

Outcome

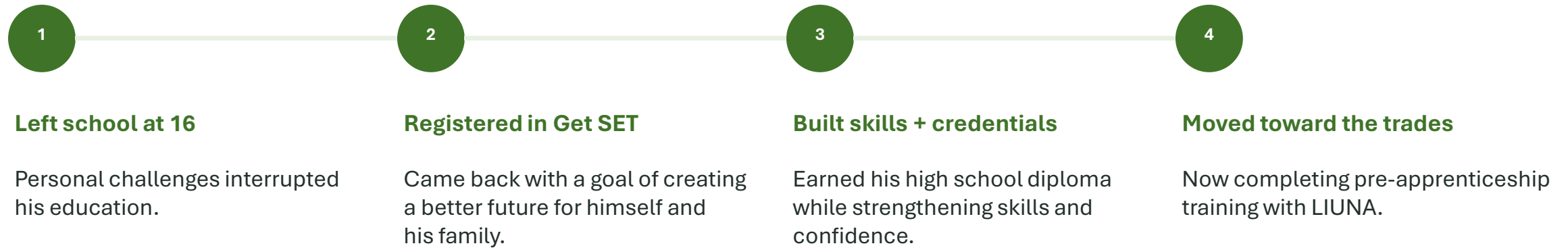
- Entered a college trades program
- Completed with honours
- Worked as a Heavy Equipment Operator
- Started his own business
- Employs eight tradespeople

The learning stayed tied to the trade: practical, accelerated, and focused on the next step.



A new pathway can open at any point

Jason Quinlan: Canada's Premiers Council of the Federation Literacy Award recipient



The common thread is support that meets the client where they are and keeps the next goal in view.



Where support can make a difference

Apprenticeship pathways are not always linear. Get SET can help at several high-leverage moments.

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Before registration

readiness, credentials, prerequisites

2

Pre-apprenticeship

math, reading, digital skills

3

On the job

applied workplace skills and
problem solving

4

In-school training

refreshing skills and study strategies

5

After a setback

rebuild confidence and develop a
plan after a failed level or exam

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Certification / TEA

C of Q, Red Seal and Trade
Equivalency Assessment readiness

Preparing for an exam

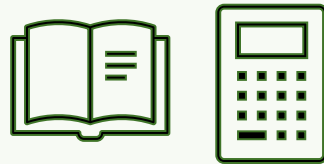
Build a plan for the highest-stakes moment of the journey

Understand the exam



Review what the exam is asking you to know and do.

Strengthen key skills



Get support with reading technical material, trade math, and learning strategies.

Study strategically



Practice understanding questions, using study aids, and applying test-taking strategies with confidence.

Go in prepared



Develop routines, confidence, and a realistic plan so the apprentice is better prepared on exam day.

Get SET does not replace trade knowledge. It helps apprentices prepare more effectively.



Common referral moments

What you might hear.

“I struggle with math.”

“I’m nervous about school.”

“The online form or portal is confusing.”

“I know the trade, but I struggle to prove it.”

What you can ask.

“What part of the training is giving you the most difficulty?”

“How have you been preparing for your exam?”

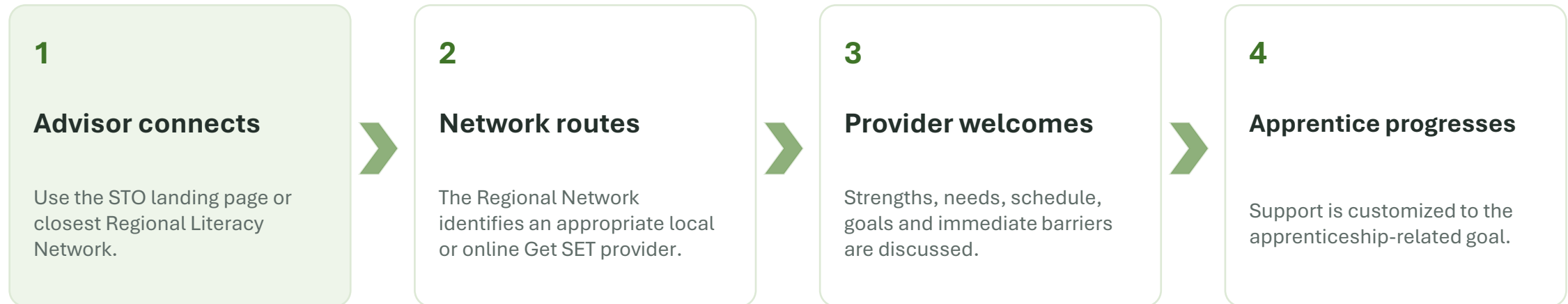
“Do you feel you know the material but have trouble showing what you know?”

“Would it be helpful to speak with someone who can help you get ready for the exam?”



What happens after referral

A referral should feel easy for the Advisor and for the apprentice.



LNO is the front door. Get SET providers deliver the supports.



Why this can help Skilled Trades Ontario

A province-wide referral option for hidden or common barriers.

Expands your toolkit

A place to send people when skills, confidence or readiness are part of the issue.

Supports retention and completion

Help before a setback becomes a withdrawal, repeated failure or stalled pathway.

Works quietly in the background

Get SET supports the apprentice while they continue moving forward.

Keeps the pathway local

Regional Networks know local options and can connect to online support when needed.



How to refer

Use the LNO / STO landing page as the first step.

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Find the closest Regional Literacy Network.

Submit a short referral or contact request.

Use local Network contacts for direct follow-up.



Make the next step easier

When the barrier is foundational skills, study habits, digital skills, exam readiness, or pathway confusion...

send them to LNO.

We will help find the right next step.

Local where possible, online where helpful, and always focused on the learner's apprenticeship-related goal.



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