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The Canadian Institute for Recognizes Learning (CIRL) announced today, the release of ***Principles for Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)***.

These Principles can be used by employers, professional bodies, and educators. “Canada is not making the best possible use of its labour force because we are not good at identifying people’s knowledge and skills” reported Joy Van Kleef, CEO of the Institute. Not only do we need to find more ways to identify the potential of Canadian job seekers and applicants for professional licensing, we also need to improve how we assess the skills of our immigrants. “Canada receives the brightest and the best from all over the world, and we are not using their talents as well as we should be. These principles will help organizations to set up fair, high quality skills and knowledge recognition programs”.

CIRL is an organization dedicated to improving the ways in which Canada recognizes the knowledge and skills of its people. It works with educators, workplaces, governments, and occupational groups to implement recognizing learning strategies like Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR), develop standards and processes for quality assurance, and facilitate the integration of immigrants. For more information, visit the CIRL website at www.cirl.org.