Changes to the Designated Trainer Provision:

On February 5, 2009, the Government of Manitoba registered a revised General Regulation, extending the designated trainer provision to March 1, 2012.

What is a Designated Trainer?
A designated trainer is an experienced tradesperson without a certificate of qualification who is deemed qualified according to specific Manitoba regulations or under specific circumstances to supervise the work of and train an apprentice.

Does the allowance for a Designated Trainer affect my Trade?
The designated trainer provision applies to all non-compulsory trades.

Have the requirements changed?
No, they are still the same.

What is different about Designated Trainers?
Now only one form is required to be filled out as opposed to the previous three. The provision applies to those formerly referred designated trainers in northern or aboriginal communities and designated trainers for senior years apprentices (former s.10.1 and s.10.2 of the Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications – General Regulation). These categories are now encompassed by a general designated trainer provision under section 10.1 of the amended regulation.

How can I become a designated trainer?
The process and requirements have not changed, as outlined in s.10.1 (2) of the amended Apprenticeship and Trades Qualification General Regulation.

To qualify as a designated trainer in this trade, you must:
- Have experience in 70% of the tasks of the trade
- Have been employed in the trade for 1.5 times the term of Apprenticeship for the trade that you are applying for.

What if the Designated Trainer provision in my trade specific regulation exceeds the new expiry date?
Trade-specific Designated Trainer provisions with expiry dates that exceed the new expiry date of March 1, 2012 will be upheld.

The following trades have a designated trainer provision specific to the trade which overrides the expiry date of the general regulation:

- Trade of Computer Numerical Control Machinist Regulation Expires on February 9, 2014
- Trade of Floorcovering Installer Regulation Expires on January 18, 2013
- Trade of Partsperson Regulation Expires on March 5, 2014
- Trade of Sheet Metal Worker Expires on January 16, 2013
- Trade of Landscape Technician Expires on September 22, 2013
- Trade of Cook
  This trade has a designated trainer provision that does not expire.

What if the Designated Trainer provision in my trade specific regulation expires before the new expiry date of March 1, 2012?
Your trade would defer to the General Regulation expiry date of March 1, 2012.

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