

## Regulation Update

### New trade regulation for Gasfitter

On April 20, 2011, the Manitoba government registered a new regulation for the trade of Gasfitter to support two licences: the domestic gasfitter licence and the commercial and industrial gasfitter licence, as specified in the Gas and Oil Burner Regulation, M.R. 104/87. The new regulation outlines the scope of the trade, term of apprenticeship, minimum wage rates, ratio requirements and designated trainers.

#### Scope of the trade

An apprentice enrolled in Gasfitter completes the following tasks to the standards of the provincial occupational analysis:

- (a) determines or confirms the layout and materials required for installing gas lines and gas-fired equipment, including measuring and marking reference points required for installation;
- (b) installs gas lines and gas-fired equipment, and venting and other components related to gas lines and gas-fired equipment;
- (c) services, repairs, removes and replaces gas-fired equipment and components of gas-fired equipment, such as burners, valves and automatic controls;
- (d) checks gas lines and connections for gas leaks using gas detection devices;
- (e) assists in the investigation of gas fires and explosions;
- (f) reports on the condition of gas lines and gas-fired equipment and on the work performed in respect of gas lines and gas-fired equipment; and
- (g) provides advice regarding standards, safety features and maintenance of gas-fired equipment.

#### Term of Apprenticeship

- The term of apprenticeship to support the **domestic gasfitter licence** is two levels, with each level consisting of at least 12 months during which the apprentice must complete 1,800 hours of technical training and practical experience with respect to:

- (i) gas lines
- (ii) gas-fired equipment with an input rating of less than 400,000 BTU's per hour

- The term of apprenticeship to support the **commercial and industrial gasfitter licence** first requires the completion of the term of apprenticeship for Gasfitter to support the domestic gasfitter licence. Once completed, the term of apprenticeship is an additional two levels with 1,800 hours of technical training and practical experience with respect to:

- (i) gas lines
- (ii) gas-fired equipment with an input rating of 400,000 BTU's per hour or more

#### Minimum Wage Rates

- The wage rate for an apprentice enrolled in Gasfitter to support the **domestic gasfitter licence** shall not be less than:
  - o 165 per cent of the provincial minimum wage during the first level; and
  - o 195 per cent of the provincial minimum wage during the second level.
- The wage rate for an apprentice enrolled in Gasfitter to complete the additional two levels to support the **commercial and industrial gasfitter licence** shall not be less than:
  - o 235 per cent of the provincial minimum wage during the third level; and
  - o 265 per cent of the provincial minimum wage during the fourth level.

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# Apprenticeship Trades

## Supervision

- Employers must ensure that an apprentice enrolled in Gasfitter to support the domestic **gasfitter licence** is directly supervised by a person who is:
  - (i) a journeyperson in the trade and
  - (ii) the holder of a domestic gasfitter licence or a commercial and industrial gasfitter licence.

*(Note: the requirement to be a journeyperson to supervise apprentices takes effect Jan. 1, 2021.)*

- Employers must ensure that an apprentice enrolled in Gasfitter to support the **commercial and industrial gasfitter licence** is directly supervised by a person who is:
  - (a) a journeyperson in the trade and
  - (b) the holder of a commercial and industrial gasfitter licence.

*(Note, the requirement to be a journeyperson to supervise apprentices takes effect Jan. 1, 2021.)*

## Ratios

Over the next five years, the ratio of apprentices to journeypersons in the trade is two apprentices for every one journeyperson.

## Coming into force

The Gasfitter Trade Regulation will come into force 90 days after it is registered.

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