

Regulation Update

Changes to the Bricklayer Apprenticeship Training and Certification System

On January 18, 2006, the Government of Manitoba registered a revised regulation for the Bricklayer trade, outlining new apprenticeship training and certification requirements.

To become an apprentice:

- You must complete Grade 10 to be eligible to enter an apprenticeship agreement.
- If you have not completed Grade 10 and are at least 19 years old, you may apply as a mature student. You will be assessed by the Apprenticeship Branch to ensure you have the equivalent education and/or experience for the trade.

If you are still in high school, you can start your apprenticeship training through the Senior Years Apprenticeship Option (SYAO). SYAO links regular Senior Years education with paid, part-time, on-the-job apprenticeship training. To participate in the program, you must be at least 16 years old, enrolled in an approved Grade 11 or Grade 12 program and taking the core subjects in Grade 9 to Grade 12.

For employers

Work experience is the biggest part of apprenticeship training. Each apprentice must have on-site access to a certified journeyman to receive the supervision and guidance necessary to perform the tasks of the trade safely and efficiently. Under the new regulations, the employer must maintain a 1:1 ratio of certified journeymen to apprentices on-site, ensuring the apprentice is directly supervised by a certified journeyman.

For more information contact the Apprenticeship Branch closest to you, or visit our website.

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