

## ***PUBLIC BULLETIN: For Distribution and Webpage***

### **Notice of Apprenticeship Tuition Fee Increase**

As of July 1, 2017 apprenticeship tuition fees will be increasing to \$400 for courses up to 8 weeks in length, with an additional \$50 charged per week.

Apprentices will still pay only a small fraction of the total cost of training. While apprentices pay approximately 10 per cent of the total cost, the remaining 90 per cent is paid by the Manitoba government. Apprentices in Manitoba will continue to enjoy the lowest average apprenticeship tuition fees in Western Canada, which is in keeping with the recent changes to Manitoba's university tuition legislation. The apprenticeship and certification system remains Manitoba's most affordable post-secondary option.

Apprenticeship training and certification is one of the most successful and cost-effective career pathways in the skilled trades. Apprentices learn on-the-job, where they earn a wage, leading to a rewarding career with many opportunities for advancement. Apprenticeship Manitoba is committed to maintaining a responsive, industry-driven apprenticeship and certification system that meets labour market demand. In order to continue providing a high quality training system, apprenticeship tuition fees may need to be increased periodically.

Apprenticeship tuition fees have not increased in 30 years. The adjustment being made in 2017 reflects increased costs due to inflation and will ensure a high quality training model continues to be offered to apprentices. The Manitoba government will apply the full amount of the increase directly to the purchase of technical training seats.

The Manitoba government has made significant investments in apprenticeship training, including grants, bursaries and the provision of living supports during study. Eligible apprentices will continue to receive these and other supports, such as transportation, day care and accommodation amounts.

In addition, a number of federal incentives are available to apprentices, making the apprenticeship training system a cost effective choice. For example, apprentices in Red Seal designated trades are eligible for a \$1,000 federal grant for completing their first level, another \$1,000 grant for completing their second level, and \$2,000 for completing the program and receiving a certificate of qualification. The federal government also offers apprentices in Red Seal designated trades access to the Apprenticeship Loan, which can provide apprentices up to \$4,000 for each period of technical training. This loan can be used for costs associated with training, including the tuition fee.

### Facts about Apprenticeship Tuition Fees

- Apprenticeship remains a successful and cost-effective post-secondary option.
- Apprentices earn while they learn in the workplace, and are away from work for classroom training only a few weeks per year.
- The apprenticeship program is industry-driven to meet labour market demands.
- The increase in tuition fees will help meet the growing demand for training.
  - The number of apprentices taking technical training has increased by 50 per cent between 2006-2007 and 2016-2017. As of March 31, 2017, 4,564 Manitoba apprentices attended technical training.
  - The number of apprentices has increased 95 per cent between 2006-2007 and 2016-2017. As of March 31, 2017, there were 11,418 active apprentices in Manitoba.
- With the tuition fee increase, apprentices pay approximately 10 per cent of the total average cost to attend technical training, while the Manitoba government pays the remaining 90 per cent.
  - The Manitoba government pays an average of \$4,200 per apprentice per course.
- Manitoba will remain among the lowest of those Canadian jurisdictions that charge tuition, and the lowest in Western Canada.
- The increase in revenue will be spent on training programs for apprentices.
- Many grants and incentives are available to apprentices, including provincial and federal supports.

<b>Apprentice Personal Contribution Fees for Technical Training</b>		<b>The Province pays the remaining tuition for each apprentice, which is an average of \$4,200 per technical training course</b>
4-8 Week Course	\$400	
9 Week Course	\$450	
10 Week Course	\$500	
11 Week Course	\$550	
12 Week Course	\$600	