

Regulation Update
Trade Regulation for Gasfitter

On February 22, 2017, the Manitoba government amended the trade regulation for the trade of Gasfitter, Manitoba Regulation 18/2017. The following outlines the changes that have been made to the regulation and will be effective beginning April 23, 2017.

Scope of the Trade

A Gasfitter is defined as a person who, to the standards of the national occupational analysis for the trade, sizes, installs, tests, adjusts, maintains and repairs lines, appliances, equipment and accessories used in respect of gases, including natural gas, manufactured gas, or mixtures of propane gas and air, propane, propylene, butylenes, butanes – being normal butane or isobutene – and hydrogen.

Supervision

At this time, designated trainers must hold a valid gasfitter's license to supervise apprentices in the trade. There is currently a clause in the regulation that will require supervisors to also be certified journeypersons in the trade by 2021.

Ratios

Each employer in the trade of Gasfitter must maintain a ratio of one apprentice to one journeyperson.

Certificate Examination

Manitoba offers Red Seal certification for both Gasfitter A and Gasfitter B. This means that certification requirements include an interprovincial exam for commercial and domestic Gasfitter.

Commonly Asked Questions

I don't think that supervisors should be required to hold a certificate of qualification in the trade. What steps can I take to voice this concern?

The Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will reconvene prior to 2021 to review this component of the regulation. At that time, the PAC will issue an industry-wide consultation to gather feedback from employees, employers and other stakeholders in the trade.

If I already have a provincial certificate of qualification in the trade of Gasfitter, will I be required to obtain my Red Seal now that there is a new interprovincial exam in place?

Existing Gasfitter journeypersons are not required to re-write the certification exam, however, they may voluntarily write the interprovincial exam if they wish to obtain a Red Seal in the trade. The Red Seal cannot be extended to existing journeypersons as it represents the interprovincial standard rather than provincial certification.

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