

Regulation Update

Trade Regulation for Insulator (Heath and Frost)

On February 22, 2017, the Manitoba government amended the trade regulation for the trade of Insulator, Manitoba Regulation 19/2017. The following outlines the changes that have been made to the regulation and will be effective beginning April 23, 2017.

Scope of the Trade

An Insulator is defined as a person who performs the following tasks of the trade to the standard indicated in the national occupational analysis:

- (a) reads and interprets drawings and specifications to determine insulation requirements, selects the amount and type of insulation to be installed, and measures and cuts insulating material to the required dimensions;
- (b) applies, installs, repairs and maintains insulating material;
- (c) finishes insulated surfaces with materials such as plastic, aluminum, galvanized steel and coated steel, stainless steel, canvas, mastic, laminate or concrete;
- (d) lays out and fabricates parts on-site, or removes or seals off old insulation.

Term of Apprenticeship

The term of apprenticeship for the trade remains at four levels, with each level consisting of 1,500 hours of technical training and practical experience. This means that an apprentice must complete both in-school and on-the-job training for all four levels.

Designated Trainers

For the next five years, designated trainers may be included as journeypersons for the purposes of determining the apprentice to journeyperson ratio. A designated trainer must be employed in the trade for at least six of the preceding 10 years, have experience in 70% of the scope of the trade and must make an application to Apprenticeship Manitoba to demonstrate that these requirements have been met.

Commonly Asked Questions

How can I apply to become a designated trainer?

The Designated Trainer Application form can be accessed online at http://www.gov.mb.ca/wdis/apprenticeship/pdfpubs/pubs/general/designated_trainer.pdf. Complete applications can be returned to Apprenticeship Manitoba at the address listed on the bottom of the form.

How many apprentices can I supervise as a designated trainer?

Since the Trade of Insulator Regulation does not specifically address apprentice to journeyperson ratios, this matter is referred back to the *Apprenticeship and Certification – General Regulation*. Under the *General Regulation*, each journeyperson (or designated trainer) may supervise one apprentice.

For more information, please visit the Apprenticeship Manitoba office nearest to you, or visit our website at www.manitoba.ca/tradecareers.