

GASFITTER and GASFITTER - DOMESTIC Frequently Asked Questions

Terminology:

Apprenticeship Manitoba – Red Seal Trade (Interprovincial)	Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) Licence
Gasfitter	Commercial and Industrial Gasfitter Licence (A)
Gasfitter – Domestic	Domestic Gasfitter Licence (B)

1. Why are there changes occurring to licencing and certification in the Gasfitter industry?

Industry expressed interest in designating Gasfitter and Gasfitter - Domestic as Red Seal trades in Manitoba. This resulted in an opportunity to streamline the licencing, examination and certification processes that link the Office of the Fire Commissioner and Apprenticeship Manitoba who are the two authorities for the gasfitter industry in Manitoba. These changes started taking place with the transferring of the examination administration for the Domestic Gasfitter licencing to Apprenticeship Manitoba January 1, 2017. As of July 1, 2017 the examination administration for Commercial and Industrial Gasfitter, licencing was transferred to Apprenticeship Manitoba.

2. Will existing licence holders be able to continue to work on gas equipment and gas systems and obtain permits after July 1, 2017?

Yes, provided their licence remains valid and in good standing.

3. I currently hold a Gasfitter licence, how does that affect me now that both Gasfitter and Gasfitter – Domestic are Red Seal trades?

Gasfitters who hold a valid licence can continue to work in Manitoba as long as they renew their licence through the Office of the Fire Commissioner as required. Red Seal designation provides the opportunity for existing licence holders to voluntarily challenge the Red Seal examination and obtain Certificate of Qualification with a Red Seal endorsement.

Note: Existing licence holders may continue to supervise apprentices until 2021 at which time certification with Red Seal endorsement will be required to supervise apprentices. This requirement will be reviewed prior to 2021.

4. Will existing licence holders continue to be able to supervise apprentices in the trade?

At this time, Designated Trainers who hold a valid Gasfitter licence are authorized to supervise apprentices in the trade. However, an existing clause in the *Trade of Gasfitter Regulation* will require in 2021 that supervisors hold a Certificate of Qualification with a Red Seal endorsement. This requirement will be reviewed prior to 2021.

5. What is the difference between a “Certificate of Qualification with a Red Seal endorsement” and a

“licence”?

Apprenticeship Manitoba administers the apprenticeship and certification system in Manitoba and issues Certificate of Qualification with a Red Seal endorsement. Manitoba follows the Red Seal interprovincial standards for the Gasfitter and Gasfitter - Domestic trade.

A licence is issued by the Office of the Fire Commissioner and is required by all individuals who perform regulated work on gas equipment or gas systems in Manitoba.

6. If I have a provincial Certificate of Qualification for Gasfitter - Domestic, how do I get a Certificate of Qualification with a Red Seal endorsement?

Existing provincial Certificate of Qualification holders will have the opportunity to voluntarily challenge the Red Seal examination in the Gasfitter - Domestic trade administered by Apprenticeship Manitoba. The Red Seal examination pass mark is 70% or greater. Information about applying to challenge the examination can be found on the Apprenticeship Manitoba website at www.manitoba.ca/tradecareers.

7. Will existing licence holders be granted Red Seal Certificates?

Existing licence holders will have the opportunity to voluntarily challenge the Red Seal Certification examination in their respective trades of Gasfitter or Gasfitter - Domestic administered by Apprenticeship Manitoba. The Red Seal examination pass mark is 70% or greater. Information about applying to challenge the examination can be found on the Apprenticeship Manitoba website at www.manitoba.ca/tradecareers.

8. How do I become a Red Seal Certified Journeyperson through Trades Qualification in the trades of Gasfitter and Gasfitter - Domestic?

Existing licence holders are eligible to challenge the Red Seal examination for their respective trades of [Gasfitter](#) or [Gasfitter - Domestic](#) through the Trades Qualification process. Eligibility is based on the individual’s experience working in the trade. Information about applying to challenge the examination can be found on the Apprenticeship Manitoba website at www.manitoba.ca/tradecareers. However, if an individual holds a Gasfitter - Domestic licence, and wishes to become Red Seal certified in the trade of Gasfitter – Domestic they *may* be required to complete an apprenticeship training program.

9. How can current licence holders prepare to challenge the Red Seal examination?

Resources are available on the Red Seal website including sample examination questions and copies of the National Occupational Analysis (NOA) for [Gasfitter](#) and [Gasfitter - Domestic](#). In addition, learning resources including the Technical Training standards, booklists and a Trades Qualification Learning Supports Guide are available on Apprenticeship Manitoba’s website at www.manitoba.ca/tradecareers.

UNLICENCED OR UNCERTIFIED GASFITTERS <i>(Any individual who has experience in the trades of Gasfitter or Gasfitter – Domestic but does not hold a licence or Certificate of Qualification in either trade)</i>	
SCENARIOS	STEPS
<p>An individual who does not have any licence or Certificate of Qualification in the Gasfitter or Gasfitter - Domestic trades who has significant experience in the trade (i.e. out of province, out of country).</p>	<p>Upon approval by Apprenticeship Manitoba as a trade qualification candidate, these individuals would be allowed two attempts to challenge the Gasfitter or Gasfitter - Domestic Red Seal examinations. Information on requirements for approval can be found at: https://www.gov.mb.ca/wd/apprenticeship/discover/mbtrades/gasfitter.html</p> <p>If they are unsuccessful, they will be required to complete the apprenticeship training for that trade.</p> <p>Successful completion of the Red Seal examination will result in a Certificate of Qualification with Red Seal endorsement <i>and</i> licence in that trade.</p>
GASFITTER - DOMESTIC/DOMESTIC GASFITTER <i>(Any journeyman working in the trade is required to obtain a licence from the Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC). Licence holders will be able to continue to renew their licence with the OFC in perpetuity.)</i>	
SCENARIOS	STEPS
<p>An existing Domestic Gasfitter licence holder who may, or may not, hold a provincial Certificate of Qualification whose licence has lapsed.</p>	<p>An individual who holds a Certificate of Qualification but has let their licence lapse may be required to write an examination to renew their licence through the OFC.</p> <p>If the individual does not hold a Gasfitter - Domestic Certificate of Qualification with Red Seal endorsement they will be required to write the Red Seal examination. Upon successful completion of this examination and receipt of the Certificate of Qualification with a Red Seal endorsement, they will receive a Gasfitter - Domestic licence from the OFC.</p>
<p>An existing Domestic Gasfitter licence and Gasfitter - Domestic Certificate of Qualification with a Red Seal endorsement holder, who would like to receive their Commercial and Industrial Gasfitter licence (trade of Gasfitter).</p>	<p>These individuals will be required to register as an apprentice and complete two levels of Gasfitter – Domestic apprenticeship technical training through Apprenticeship Manitoba.</p> <p>Successful completion of the Red Seal examination will result in a Gasfitter - Domestic Certificate of Qualification <i>and</i> the ability to obtain a Commercial and Industrial Gasfitter licence from the OFC.</p>
<p>An existing Domestic Gasfitter licence holder who wishes to supervise Gasfitter - Domestic apprentices after January 1, 2021.</p>	<p>These individuals will be required to challenge the Red Seal examination, which, upon successful completion, will result in a Gasfitter - Domestic Certificate of Qualification with a Red Seal endorsement. This requirement will be reviewed prior to 2021.</p>

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<p>An existing Domestic Gasfitter licence holder who would like to receive a Certificate of Qualification with Red Seal endorsement in the trade of Gasfitter - Domestic</p>	<p>These individuals will be required to successfully challenge the Red Seal examination for Gasfitter - Domestic.</p> <p>If an individual fails the Red Seal examination, they may continue to challenge but a fee would be required for each attempt.</p>
<p>An existing Domestic Gasfitter licence holder who has a provincial Certificate of Qualification, and would like to receive a Gasfitter - Domestic Certificate of Qualification with a Red Seal endorsement.</p>	<p>These individuals will be required to successfully challenge the Red Seal examination for Gasfitter - Domestic.</p> <p>If an individual fails the Red Seal examination, they may continue to challenge but a fee would be required for each attempt.</p>
<p>An existing Domestic Gasfitter licence holder <i>and</i> provincial Certificate of Qualification holder (not Red Seal) would like to receive a Gasfitter – Domestic Certificate of Qualification with a Red Seal endorsement.</p>	<p>These individuals will be required to register as apprentices and complete two levels of Gasfitter apprenticeship training (not required to challenge the Red Seal examination for Gasfitter - Domestic).</p> <p>Successful completion of the Red Seal examination will result in a Gasfitter – Domestic Certificate of Qualification <i>and</i> the ability to obtain a Commercial and Industrial Gasfitter licence following application to the OFC.</p> <p>If an individual fails the Red Seal examination, they may continue to challenge but a fee would be required for each attempt.</p>
<p>An existing Domestic Gasfitter licence holder, who would like to receive their Commercial and Industrial Gasfitter license who has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not completed their 3600 hours of supervised on-the-job training by July 1, 2017. • Has completed their 3600 hours by July 1, 2017 but failed the OFC examination. 	<p>These individuals will be required to successfully challenge the Gasfitter - Domestic Red Seal examination. IF they are unsuccessful they are required to complete the Gasfitter - Domestic apprenticeship training. Following successful completion of the training and Red Seal examination for Gasfitter – Domestic, the individual would be required to register as an apprentice and complete two levels of Gasfitter – Domestic apprenticeship training through Apprenticeship Manitoba, and challenge the Red Seal examination for Gasfitter - Domestic.</p> <p>Successful completion of the training and both Red Seal examinations will result in a Certificate of Qualification with a Red Seal endorsement <i>and</i> the Commercial and Industrial Gasfitter licence upon application to the OFC.</p> <p>If the 3600 hours have been completed by July 1, 2017 <i>or</i> the hours were completed but the individual failed the OFC examination, they may wish to challenge the Gasfitter – Domestic Red Seal examination as a Trades Qualifier.</p>

	<p>Individuals would only be approved to challenge the Gasfitter – Domestic Red Seal examination twice. If they are unsuccessful they would be required to register as an apprentice and complete two levels of Gasfitter – Domestic apprenticeship training through Apprenticeship Manitoba.</p>
<p>GASFITTER/COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL GAS FITTER <i>(Any journey person working in the trade is required to obtain a licence from the Office of the Fire Commissioner. Licence holders will be able to continue to renew their licence with the OFC in perpetuity.)</i></p>	
SCENARIOS	STEPS
<p>An existing Commercial and Industrial Gasfitter licence holder whose license has lapsed.</p>	<p>The individual may be required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) write an OFC examination for licence renewal or b) challenge the Gasfitter Red Seal examination and receive the Certificate of Qualification and a renewed licence through the OFC upon successful completion.
<p>An existing Commercial and Industrial Gasfitter licence holder with a Certificate of Qualification with Red Seal endorsement in the trade of Gasfitter whose licence has lapsed.</p>	<p>The individual may be required to write an OFC examination for licence renewal.</p>
<p>An existing Commercial and Industrial Gasfitter licence holder who wishes to supervise Gasfitter apprentices after January 1, 2021.</p>	<p>These individuals are required to challenge the Red Seal examination, which, upon successful completion, will result in a Certificate of Qualification with a Red Seal endorsement.</p> <p>If an individual fails the Gasfitter Red Seal examination, they may continue to challenge but a fee would be required for each attempt.</p>