

## Trade of Plumber Regulation Update

On December 18, 2020, the Manitoba government amended the trade regulation for the trade of Plumber, Manitoba Regulation 158/2020. The following details the changes that have been made to the regulation and will be in effect beginning March 18, 2021.

### Term of Apprenticeship

The term of apprenticeship for the trade of Plumber is four levels, with 1,800 hours per level. The final level of Gasfitter training and certification is no longer a mandatory component of the apprenticeship program. Level one Gasfitter training continues to be embedded in the Plumber training and will be recognized upon the completion of the Plumber program.

### Wage Rates

The minimum wage rates were updated to reflect the reduced number of levels in the trade. The following wage rates will apply to apprentices as of March 18, 2021:

- (a) 50% of the reference wage rate during the first level;
- (b) 60% of the reference wage rate during the second level;
- (c) 70% of the reference wage rate during the third level; and
- (d) 80% of the reference wage rate during the fourth level.

### Commonly Asked Question

*I am a Plumber apprentice who is currently in the final level of Gasfitter. Do I need to complete my Gasfitter certification before I can become certified?*

Once the regulatory amendments come into force on March 18, 2021, apprentices who have successfully completed the Plumber certification exam will gain Red Seal certification in the trade of Plumber. Apprentices will be given the opportunity to complete Domestic Gasfitter training and certification, but it will no longer be mandatory to gain certification in Plumber.

For the regulation update, see [web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/regs/index\\_annual.php](http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/regs/index_annual.php). For more information on the apprenticeship and certification system, please visit the Apprenticeship Manitoba office nearest to you or visit our website at [www.manitoba.ca/tradecareers](http://www.manitoba.ca/tradecareers).