

Regulation Update

Changes to the Partsperson Trade

On March 5, 2007, the Government of Manitoba registered a revised regulation for the Partsperson trade, outlining new eligibility and training requirements.

To become an apprentice in the Partsperson Trade:

- You must complete Grade 12 to be eligible to enter an apprenticeship agreement.
- If you have not completed Grade 12 and are at least 19 years old, you may apply as a mature student. You will be assessed by the Apprenticeship Branch to ensure you have the equivalent education and/or experience for the trade.

Another means to earn credit towards an apprenticeship is through the Senior Years Apprenticeship Option (SYAO). The SYAO allows grades 11 and 12 students to start their apprenticeship training while they are still in high school. It combines regular high school instruction with paid, part-time, on-the-job training and is an excellent way to fast track apprenticeship training.

For employers:

Work experience the most significant component of apprenticeship training. Each apprentice must have on-site access to a certified journeyman (or designated trainer) to receive the supervision and guidance necessary to perform the tasks of the trade safely and efficiently. Under the new regulation, the employer must maintain a 1:1 ratio of certified journeymen to apprentices on-site, ensuring the apprentice is directly supervised by a certified journeyman.

Designated Trainers:

Until March 1, 2014, the new regulation permits employers in the Partsperson trade to use designated trainers when calculating supervision ratios in order to provide practical training to apprentices. A designated trainer must have been employed in the trade for at least four and a half of the preceding 10 years and have experience in 70 per cent of the tasks of the trade.

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