

Plumber Trade Regulation: Consultation Discussion Guide

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Introduction

This guide is sent on behalf of the Plumber Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC), which is appointed by the Apprenticeship and Certification Board (herein “Board”). PACs make recommendations to the board about

- the standards and requirements for training and certification, and for upgrading, and
- the content of regulations made or proposed to be made by the board.

Before it makes recommendations, PACs must seek input from employers and employees in the applicable trade or occupation.

The Plumber PAC will be making recommendations to the board on how to accommodate gas training now that Gasfitter has been designated as an apprenticeable trade. **The Plumber PAC is seeking your input on one model to accommodate Gasfitter training below.** Based on the feedback it receives, the PAC will re-evaluate this model. This discussion guide has been created to solicit your feedback on this important matter.

Background

On May 14, 2008, the Board unanimously approved the designation of the gasfitter trade in principle to support two licences:

1. commercial and industrial gasfitter licence (herein “Gasfitter A licence”); and,
2. domestic gasfitter licence (herein “Gasfitter B licence”).

With the designation of gasfitter as a trade in principle, the Board then established a Gasfitter PAC in November 2008. The Gasfitter PAC developed the Provincial Occupational Analysis in spring 2009 which has since been validated by a diverse working group. The Board formally designated Gasfitter, subject to Ministerial approval, on June 21, 2010 to designate Gasfitter as an apprenticeable trade. The Gasfitter PAC has recommended to the Board a series of provisions that will collectively form the Gasfitter Trade Regulation for both the Gasfitter A and B licences.

The Plumber PAC met on December 13, 2010 and Feb 23, 2011 to discuss how gasfitter training could be accommodated to support the “B” licence. Different models were reviewed as to how the Plumber trade could accommodate gasfitter training. One of the models is outlined below and the Plumber PAC is looking for your feedback.

Model

In this model, the term of apprenticeship remain at four (4) years. Within the four level term of apprenticeship, technical training for the first level of gasfitter training for the “B” licence would be offered and included for all Plumber apprentices. Upon completion of the four-level Plumber term of apprenticeship, individuals may opt to register as a Gasfitter apprentice to take the second-level of gasfitter training. ***In this model, the decision to register as a Gasfitter apprentice after completing the Plumber apprenticeship is optional.*** The Gasfitter Trade Regulation has set the second-level of training to support the “B” licence at 1,800 hours including technical and practical experience. Upon completion of the Gasfitter trade at 1,800 hours, individuals will receive a Gasfitter Certificate of Qualification that allows them to apply for a Gasfitter “B” licence through Mechanical and Engineering, Department of Labour and Immigration.

The Plumber PAC is asking for your feedback on the following important question:

- 1. Should gasfitter training to support the “B” licence be optional within the trade of Plumber?***

Response

Feedback

Your feedback is extremely important in order to develop a responsive trade regulation. Please review the question and submit a written response. Only written responses with a corresponding name and contact information will be considered.

If there is any other feedback of which you feel the Plumber PAC should be aware, please feel free to send in any additional comments as well.

The Plumber PAC will be inviting stakeholders to provide written comments by **April 4, 2011**. There can be no extension given for this deadline.

How Feedback Will Be Used

Feedback gathered through the consultation will be collected and summarized in a Consultation Summary Report, which will be considered as the Plumber PAC makes a recommendation to the Board. The Consultation Summary Report will be made available to stakeholders.

Respondents should be aware that confidentiality cannot be guaranteed. Any automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your organization's IT system may not be respected.

Contact Information

Written submissions (including electronic submissions) may be directed to:

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Thank you for taking the time to provide the Plumber PAC with feedback. Your responses will be taken into consideration by the PAC to help improve the plumber trade.