

Regulation **Update**

Change to the trade of Plumber:

This is a reminder that a new minimum apprenticeship wage rate has come into effect as of January 8, 2009, and is not subject to change.

Minimum wages for apprentices as a percentage of the reference wage rate has increased by 10% per level. This change reflects the amounts specified in the Construction Industry Wages Act (CIWA). Please note that the "reference wage rate" means the minimum wage rate per hour for a Plumber journeyman under the CIWA.

Employers *must* pay their plumber apprentices according to this new minimum apprenticeship wage rate as follows:

Level One:

50 per cent of the reference wage rate

Level Two:

60 per cent of the reference wage rate

Level Three:

70 per cent of the reference wage rate

Level Four:

80 per cent of the reference wage rate

For more information, please refer to "Training Wages" found on the main page of the Apprenticeship web site under www.manitoba.ca/tradecareers

The term of apprenticeship has also been reduced from five (5) to four (4) levels of plumber training. Each level will continue to consist of a period of at least 12 months where the apprentice must complete 1,800 hours of technical training and practical experience.

A transitional clause exists under this regulation for previously registered apprentices. As of January 8, 2009, previously registered apprentices who are in the first to fourth level of their apprenticeship training are deemed to be in the same level. In addition, previously registered apprentices who are currently in their fifth level apprenticeship training are now eligible to receive certification of qualification assuming successful completion of the certification exam.

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