

## Regulation Update

### Machinist

*Amendments to practical exam requirements for Trades Qualification applicants*

On Oct. 17, 2011, the Manitoba government registered a regulatory amendment related to the practical exam requirement for Trades Qualification applicants in the trade of Machinist.

A certificate of qualification must be issued to an applicant who:

- has been employed in the trade for at least six years of the past 10 years
- demonstrates experience in at least 70% of the tasks of the trade
- successfully completes a written interprovincial examination (70% or higher)
- successfully completes a practical examination.

The trade regulation amendment has a provision that allows for exceptional applicants to be granted an exemption from completing the practical examination. For trades qualification in Machinist, the applicant must demonstrate the following:

- has been employed in the trade for at least six years of the past 10 years
- demonstrates experience in at least 80% of the tasks of the trade
- successfully completes a written interprovincial examination (90% or higher)

### Frequently Asked Questions

*Has the practical exam been eliminated?*

No, the practical exam has not been eliminated. For an applicant to be granted an exemption from the practical exam, the applicant must demonstrate exceptional scope of the trade and an exceptional mark on the written exam.

*If I demonstrate at least 80% of the tasks of the trade and achieve 90% or higher on the written interprovincial examination, am I exempt from a practical exam?*

Not necessarily. An exemption may be granted but Apprenticeship Manitoba may still require a practical exam before issuing a certificate of qualification.

*If I get 90% on the written exam and 80% on experience in the tasks of the trade, why would Apprenticeship Manitoba not grant me a Certificate of Qualification without a practical exam?*

Based on the assessment of prior learning and/or the exam, Apprenticeship Manitoba may determine that experience or knowledge is not adequately represented or covered and that further verification of skill and experience may be required through an examination of practical skills.

*Can I appeal the decision to take a practical exam?*

Yes, under the Apprenticeship and Certification Act 41(1), a person may appeal the decision of the executive director to refuse to issue a certificate of qualification to the applicant.

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