

Regulation Update

Change to the trade of Steamfitter-Pipefitter:

On Aug. 31, 2011, the Manitoba government registered a revised regulation for the trade of steamfitter-pipefitter, outlining changes to the apprenticeship training requirements and transitional provisions.

Coming Into Force

The changes in the regulation will come into force on Oct. 31, 2011.

Training Requirements

The apprenticeship training program has been modified to ensure that the fifth level of technical training focuses on gasfitter training to support the standards established by the newly designated trade of domestic gasfitter. Previously, the fifth level included practical experience only.

Each level will continue to consist of a period of at least 12 months during which the apprentice must complete 1,800 hours of technical training and practical experience.

- Levels one to four are dedicated to steamfitter/pipefitter curriculum with the first level of gasfitter training to support the domestic gasfitter's licence under *The Gas and Oil Burner Act*.

- Level five is dedicated to the second level of gasfitter training to support the domestic gasfitter's licence under *The Gas and Oil Burner Act*.

Under this term of apprenticeship, gasfitter training to support the domestic gasfitter's licence is mandatory. Therefore, to receive a Steamfitter-Pipefitter Certificate of Qualification, apprentices must successfully pass the requirements for both steamfitter-pipefitter and domestic gasfitter.

Transitional Provisions

Apprentices who are in levels three, four or five prior to Oct. 31, 2011 will be part of the "former" program, which does not include domestic gasfitter training in level five.

Apprentices who are in levels one or two prior to Oct. 31, 2011 will be registered in the "new" program, which includes domestic gasfitter training.

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