

Rig Technician Trade Regulation Consultation Discussion Guide

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Introduction

This guide is sent on behalf of the Program Standards Standing Committee, which is a part of the Apprenticeship and Certification Board (herein “Board”). The Board has approved the request to designate Rig Technician as an apprenticeable trade in Manitoba.

Program Standards Standing Committee makes 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, the Program Standards Standing Committee must seek input from employers and employees in the applicable trade or occupation.

The Program Standards Standing Committee will be making recommendations to the Board on several components of the Rig Technician trade regulation. The Program Standards Standing Committee is seeking your input on the proposed recommendations. Based on the feedback it receives, the Program Standards Standing Committee may re-evaluate its recommendations. This discussion guide has been created to solicit your feedback on this important matter.

Background

The Apprenticeship and Certification Board (“Board”) has moved to designate the trade of Rig Technician in principle in Manitoba.

As its next step, the Program Standards Standing Committee is recommending to the Board a series of provisions that will collectively form the Rig Technician Trade Regulation. Before this can occur however, the Program Standards Standing Committee is soliciting your feedback on two key recommendations outlined below: scope and term of apprenticeship.

Proposed recommendations

- **Scope**

The tasks of the trade recommended below are based on the National Occupational Analysis (NOA) and the Alberta Rig Technician Trade Regulation. Regulatory development requires that the tasks of the trade be reflected in the NOA.

Proposed Recommendation: Scope

A person practices the Rig Technician trade

a) means a person who operates and maintains drilling rig equipment, systems, pumps and engines;

b) means a person at level one who maintains equipment logs and maintenance records, monitors inventories of fuels, lubricants and other service items, participates in rig-in and rig-out and contributes to the safety environment on the drilling rig; and

c) means a person at level two who fulfils the tasks, activities and functions of level one, mixes fluid chemicals and additives for use in the drilling operation, monitors and records volumes and properties of drilling mud flows during drilling, handles pipe, handles sections of the drill string assembly.

d) means a person at level three who fulfils the tasks, activities and functions of level one and level two, assembles and disassembles the drill string assembly, monitors and maintains a record of the progress of the drilling operation and supervises drilling crew activities.

- **Term of apprenticeship**

The proposed term of apprenticeship, which is outlined below, would require apprentices to complete three levels of 1500 hours including technical and practical experience per level.

Proposed recommendation: Term of apprenticeship

The term of apprenticeship in the trade is three levels, with each level consisting of a period of at least 12 months during which the apprentice must complete 1,500 hours of technical training and practical experience.

Response

Feedback

Your feedback on the proposed recommendations is extremely important in order to develop a responsive trade regulation. Please review the proposed recommendations and submit as detailed a response as possible.

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

The Program Standards Standing Committee will be inviting stakeholders to provide written comments by **January 28, 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 Program Standards Standing Committee refines its recommendations. 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.

The Program Standards Standing Committee may wish to contact you for more information regarding your response. If you do not wish to be contacted, please indicate such in your response.

Contact Information

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Thank you for taking the time to provide the Program Standards Standing Committee with feedback.