

PAC mandate:

To determine the qualifications and experience required for certification in the designated trades;

To recommend upgrading standards and the endorsement of qualification for people who meet the required standards and;

To provide input into the content of regulations made or proposed to the trades.

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HELD ON	
DATE:	June 13, 2016
TIME:	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
PLACE:	111 Lombard Ave. Winnipeg Manitoba

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GASFITTER PAC

PAC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE	REPRESENTATION	VOTING STATUS
James Kopec	Chair	Non-voting
Robert Syrota	Employee/Vice-Chair	V
Dennis Smith	Employee	V
Neil Atkins	Employer	V
Brent Mills	Employer	V

REGRETS/ABSENT	REPRESENTATION	VOTING STATUS
Gary Jackman Regrets	Employer	V
Gerald McCutcheon Regrets	Employee	V

GUESTS

STAFF

Anne Janes, A/Director, Certification Standards and Legislation
Vanessa May, Policy Analyst
Janice Peters, Apprenticeship and Certification Board Coordinator

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16.06.01 Standing Items		
1. Call to order	The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m.	Closed.
2. Approval of Agenda	<p>MOTION #1: The PAC motioned to approve the agenda as written.</p> <p>M: Bob Syrota S: Brent Mills Carried.</p>	Closed.
3. Acceptance of the Record of Decisions	<p>MOTION #2: The PAC motioned to accept the February 22, 2016 Record of Decisions as written.</p> <p>M: Bob Syrota S: Brent Mills Carried.</p>	Closed.
16.06.02 Program Standards		
1. Review Consultation Comments and discuss next steps <i>Staff: Vanessa May</i>	<p>Vanessa May and the PAC reviewed each section of the proposed trade regulation. She advised that the consultation was distributed to industry stakeholders from May 02, 2016 to May 23, 2016.</p> <p>Vanessa informed the committee that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fourteen written submissions were received. • Some comments requested a review and clarification of the scope of the trade. • A few comments disagreed with section six ('Supervision') of the Gasfitter regulation and stated that the sunset clause of 2021 was considered a barrier to individuals who have not obtained the Gasfitter certificate of qualification (C of Q). • A few responses inquired if current license holders (without a C of Q) will be able to retain authorized trainer status to train apprentices after 2021. • Concerns were raised there may not be enough journeypersons in the trade to train qualified individuals in 2021. • Some statements indicated that individuals in the trade, who do not hold the C of Q, should be granted the C of Q without writing the exam. 	Closed.

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	<p>Based on industry comments, the PAC reviewed section one ('Definition') of the proposed trade regulation and reached consensus to revise and provide a distinct definition for Gasfitter B.</p> <p>The PAC reviewed the following sections of the proposed trade regulation and determined no changes would be made to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sections Two ('General Regulation applies') • Sections Three ('Designation of trade') • Section Four ('Term of apprenticeship') • Section Five ('Minimum wage rates') • Section Six ('Supervision') <p>The PAC discussed section six ('Supervision') of the Gasfitter trade regulation at length. A member stated that licensed holders who are currently training Gasfitter apprentices should be grandfathered a C of Q. Committee members also commented that the Supervision sunset clause is scheduled to close in 2021. The majority of the members stated that the sunset clause has and would continue to allow licensed individuals ample opportunity to trades qualify (TQ) and obtain the Gasfitter C of Q, maintaining the integrity of the program. The majority of the PAC members determined that section six of the proposed regulation should remain as written. The PAC stated that the trade regulation will be reviewed prior to 2021 with the priority of revisiting section six ('Supervisions') of the trade regulation.</p> <p>Section 8 (Certificate Examination) requires the completion of an "interprovincial" examination as oppose to a "provincial" examination for both Gasfitter A & B.</p> <p>Apprenticeship Manitoba staff informed the PAC that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Trades Qualification (TQ) process has been streamlined to accommodate licensed individuals who would like to challenge the newly established interprovincial exam. • The Gasfitter TQ fees have been reduced to \$75 for individuals who want to obtain the Gasfitter C of Q. • Based on the PAC's recommendation, section seven ('Ratio') of the trade regulation has not been extended and so the apprentice to journeyperson ratio has moved from a 2:1 ratio to a 1:1 ratio. Employers may seek a ratio adjustment in accordance with the <i>Apprenticeship and</i> 	<p>Closed.</p> <p>Closed.</p>

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<p>2. Harmonization Update <i>Staff: Anne Janes</i></p>	<p><i>Certification – General Regulation.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per the PAC’s request, the Gasfitter trade regulation will be revisited prior to 2021. The Gasfitter B and A exams are complete. License holders may challenge the exam on a voluntary basis. <p>A PAC member inquired if the Gasfitter (Utility) license D is applicable to the Gasfitter trade regulation. The Chair of the PAC stated that Gasfitter license D is specifically applicable to Manitoba Hydro employees only. Individuals who are not employed by Manitoba Hydro may not obtain the Gasfitter license D. The Chair informed the PAC that the Gas Advisory Board is in the process of reviewing the <i>Gas and Oil Burner Regulation</i>.</p> <p>The PAC revised section 8 (‘Certificate Examination’). The change requires the completion of an “interprovincial” examination as oppose to a “provincial” examination for both Gasfitter A & B.</p> <p>MOTION #3: The Gasfitter PAC recommends to the Program Standards Standing Committee to accept the proposed trade regulation as amended.</p> <p>M: Brent Mills S: Bob Syrota Carried.</p> <p>Anne Janes reported that Canadian Council of Directors of Apprenticeship (CCDA) is leading a cross-jurisdictional initiative to align apprenticeship systems across Canada by harmonizing 30 designated trades by 2020. The harmonization project will help align apprenticeship training and certification requirements to be more consistent across Canada. CCDA approved additional trades for technical training sequencing across Canada. The Gasfitter trade has not been identified for harmonization at this time, as Gasfitter is not a designated trade in some jurisdictions.</p> <p>Anne stated that Steamfitter and Plumber will be reviewed in 2018 and Refrigeration, Air Conditioning Mechanic will be reviewed in 2019.</p>	<p>Closed.</p> <p>Closed.</p>

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16.06.03 New Business		
1. Discussions on acronyms for trade certificate holders <i>Member: Dennis Smith</i>	<p>Dennis Smith presented the Red Seal Endorsement (RSE) agenda item to the PAC. The RSE acronym is used to display a journeyperson's professional title, representing his/her successful achievement of obtaining the Red Seal endorsement in his/her given Red Seal trade.</p> <p>He discussed the importance of the acronym and stated that journeypersons should be permitted to use the acronym at the end of his/her name. PAC members indicated that journeypersons are not prohibited from adding the RSE acronym to his/her name/job title and that it is an individual choice to add RSE to his/her name. Agenda item received as information only.</p>	Closed.
16.06.04 Future Items		
	<p>The next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be determined. <p>Future items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the June 13, 2016 Record of Decisions 	BringFwd.
16.06.05 Adjournment	<p><u>MOTION #4:</u> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>M: Neil Atkins S: Dennis Smith Carried.</p> <p>Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m.</p>	Closed.