

## TRADE OF COOK

Cooks prepare, cook, decorate and arrange foods. They plan menus, order supplies and may supervise other kitchen workers. Restaurants, hotels, hospitals, clubs and resorts employ them. Cooks are also employed aboard ships and at construction and logging campsites.

In order to become certified as a cook in Manitoba, applicants must either; 1) apply for and successfully complete the *Trades Qualification Examination*, or, 2) apply for and successfully complete the *Apprenticeship Program*.

### TRADES QUALIFICATION EXAMINATION

To qualify to write the *Trades Qualification Examination*, an applicant must have a minimum of **4.5 years** (8,100 hours) of relevant work experience within the last **10-year period**. Applicants are given two attempts to successfully complete this examination. If, after the second attempt, the applicant is still not successful he/she must successfully complete a program of upgrading approved by the Director of Apprenticeship before he/she will be eligible to write this examination again.

To apply to write the *Trades Qualification Examination* applicants must submit:

- a completed *Trades Qualification* application form (available from Apprenticeship);
- a statement of previous work experience (see application form for more details); and
- a \$250.00 examination fee.

Note: Each additional examination attempt is \$75.00.

When all examination requirements have been successfully completed the applicant is given a Cook's Interprovincial Certificate of Qualification.

### APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

The cook apprenticeship program is **3 calendar years** of combined on-the-job and classroom training totalling at least **2,700 hours** in each year. To qualify for apprenticeship, applicants must:

- be employed in the trade in Manitoba; and
- be at least **16 years** of age.

\* Applicants should have Grade 12 or equivalent high school academic standing.

Note: If the applicant does not meet the minimum educational requirement he or she may be permitted to enter the program with the permission of the Director of the Apprenticeship Branch.

Applicants with experience and training as Cooks who do not qualify to write the *Trades Qualification Examination* may receive credit towards the completion of their apprenticeship training in this trade.

To register for apprenticeship the applicant must submit:

- a completed Apprenticeship Agreement (available from Apprenticeship);
- all educational documents; and
- a \$50.00 registration fee.

If documents are not in English or French, notarized translations are required.

When the apprenticeship program **and** the required examinations have been successfully completed the apprentice is given a Cook's Interprovincial Certificate of Qualification.

- This is a Red Seal Trade. A Journeyperson with a Certificate of Qualification can work in this trade in any Canadian province or territory where the trade is designated Red Seal.

**The fees detailed above are subject to change without notice.**

For more detailed information visit the web site [www.manitoba.ca/tradecareers](http://www.manitoba.ca/tradecareers) or contact the Apprenticeship office nearest you:

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