

## TRADE OF PLUMBER

Plumbers service, install, inspect and repair a variety of pipes, tanks and related fixtures in residential and commercial buildings. Plumbing is a highly specialised trade requiring skills ranging from reading blueprints to working with pipes made from iron, steel, lead, copper, plastic, glass and cement. Plumbers are employed in maintenance departments of factories, plants and similar establishments, by plumbing contractors or they may be self-employed.

To become certified as a Plumber 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 **6 years** (10,800 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 \$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 Journeyperson Plumber Interprovincial Certificate of Qualification.

### APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

The Plumber Apprenticeship Program is **5 calendar years** of combined on-the-job and classroom training totalling at least **1,800 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 Plumbers 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 Journeyman Plumber Interprovincial Certificate of Qualification.

- This is a Red Seal Trade. A Journeyman 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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