

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

<p><b>Competitiveness, Training &amp; Trade</b>  <a href="http://www.gov.mb.ca/tradecareers">www.gov.mb.ca/tradecareers</a></p>	<p align="center"><b>RECORD OF DECISIONS</b>  <b>STEAMFITTER/PIPEFITTER</b>  <b>PROVINCIAL TRADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b></p>
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<p align="center">HELD ON</p>	
<p><b>DAY &amp; DATE:</b>  <b>TIME:</b>  <b>PLACE:</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday September 24, 2009</b>  <b>9:02 a.m. - 11:53 a.m.</b>  <b>1014 – 401 York Avenue</b></p>

<p>Room 1014 - 401 York Avenue Winnipeg MB R3C 0P8</p>	<p>PTAC Member Suggestion Box: <a href="mailto:Janice.peters@gov.mb.ca">Janice.peters@gov.mb.ca</a></p>	<p>Telephone: (204) 945-8857 Facsimile: (204) 948-2539</p>
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**STEAMFITTER/PIPEFITTER  
PROVINCIAL TRADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>MEMBER TYPE</b>	<b>VOTE – V NO VOTE - NV</b>
Robert Modrzejewski, Chair	T & D Enterprises	ER	No Vote-tie only
Doug Murray	Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting	ER	V
Lawrence Allan	Westwood Mechanical Inc.	ER	V
Jeff Skulimowski	ABCO Supply and Services	EE	V

<b>REGRETS</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>MEMBER TYPE</b>	<b>VOTE - NO VOTE</b>
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<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>MEMBER TYPE</b>	<b>VOTE - NO VOTE</b>
Tim Furlong, Vice- Chair	Randal Heating & Plumbing	EE	V

<b>STAFF</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
Nancy Eller	A/Director, Program Standards
Karine Levasseur	Policy Analyst
Rick Guilbault	Apprenticeship Training Coordinator
Janice Peters	PTAC Administrative Assistant

Agenda Item #	Notes	Decisions/ Actions/ Motions	Status: Bring Fwd./Op en/ Closed.				
13.1 Call to Order	The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.		Closed.				
13.2 Approval of Agenda		<p><b><u>MOTION:</u></b> The PTAC motions to approve the September 24, 2009 agenda as written.</p> <p><b>M:</b> Lawrence Allan <b>S:</b> Jeff Skulimowski <b>Carried.</b></p>	Closed.				
13.3 Approval of Record of Decisions.	A PTAC member requested clarification regarding section 12.5.1 from the July 16, 2009 Record of Decisions. Rick explained that six individuals wrote the exam. Two Trade Qualifiers passed and four individuals were grandparented.	<p><b><u>MOTION:</u></b> To approve the Record of Decisions dated July 16, 2009 as written.</p> <p><b>M:</b> Doug Murray <b>S:</b> Lawrence Allan <b>Carried.</b></p>					
<p>13.4 Business Arising:</p> <p>13.4.1 Field Operations Unit - Rick Guilbault, Apprenticeship Training Coordinator</p> <p>Certification Status</p>	<p>Rick told the PTAC enrollment has increased since the last report was made.</p> <p>Rick advised the statistics from September 21, 2008 to September 24, 2009:</p> <table data-bbox="688 1287 1297 1347"> <tr> <td>Total Apprentices</td> <td>92</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Apprentices</td> <td>21</td> </tr> </table>	Total Apprentices	92	New Apprentices	21		
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<p><b>PTAC Membership Update</b></p> <p><b>13.4.2 Nancy Eller, A/Director Standards Program Unit</b></p>	<p>Reinstated Apprentices 3  Terminated Apprentices 12  Apprentices who completed the program 5  Total Apprentices 99</p> <p>Rick told the PTAC the current classes available:  Level One 3 classes  Level Two 1 class  Level Four 1 class</p> <p>He advised Apprenticeship Manitoba ceased the school call notice. He indicated the school calls were replaced by distribution of calendars to apprentices and employers. He said the apprentice is responsible to select and register in the classes required to complete his/her level. He told the PTAC the transition was successful.</p> <p>No PTAC membership update.</p> <p>Nancy told the PTAC that the Program Standards Unit would review the Steamfitter/Pipefitter curriculum, once the trade regulation was updated.</p> <p>Nancy advised that the National Occupational Analysis (NOA) would be reviewed in October 2009. She said the Interprovincial Guide (IPG) was based on the NOA. She told the PTAC that the NOA was available on line for the</p>		

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<p><b>Policy Unit –</b> Karine Levasseur, Policy Analyst</p> <p><b>Redefining Steamfitter/Pipefitter Apprenticeship 5 yrs to 4yrs</b></p>	<p>public to review. She indicated practical objectives should be added to the IPG. Nancy said she would seek the assistance of Instructors and industry to assist in updating the curriculum.</p> <p>The Chair asked how many weeks are in a block. Rick advised there are nine weeks per block. The Chair asked if the PTAC could adjust the number of weeks per block. Nancy advised yes.</p> <p>Karine re-discussed the options available to the Steamfitter/Pipefitter PTAC regarding gasfitting training.</p> <p><b>Term of Apprenticeship for Option A:</b> 5 years: Without obtaining a gasfitter “B” license 5 Years steamfitter/pipefitter 7 Years: To obtain gasfitter “B” license 5 years steamfitter/pipefitter plus 2 years gasfitter</p> <p><b>Term of Apprenticeship for Option B:</b> 5 years: (includes technical training for Gasfitter “B” License) 4 years of steamfitter/pipefitter 1 year of gasfitter (applied at the end of the program)</p> <p><b>Term of Apprenticeship for Option C:</b> 4 years – steamfitter/pipefitter</p>		<p><b>Open.</b></p>

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	<p>1 year – gasfitter (optional)</p> <p>Karine advised the options provided were based on the assumption of a two year Gasfitter B License Term Apprenticeship Program. She indicated, should the Gasfitter term of apprenticeship change, the modules shown would reflect the updated term of apprenticeship. Karine and Rick told the PTAC that the Plumber PTAC chose Option C and the RHVAC PTAC chose Option B on the assumption a two year Gasfitter B Apprenticeship Program.</p> <p>Karine reiterated nothing has been finalized, as the Gasfitter PTAC had not started their trade regulation. PTAC members advised Option A was not a viable option. The PTAC stated they want to wait for the Gasfitter PTAC to establish the Gasfitter B License Term of Apprenticeship before selecting an option. The Chair engaged the PTAC in a round table discussion.</p> <p>Doug suggested an Option D to the PTAC. He proposed the following:  <b>Term of Apprenticeship for Option D</b>            4 Years: 3 Years of Steamfitter                      1 Year of Gafitting</p> <p>The PTAC members discussed the positive and negative effects of Option D.</p>		

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<p><b>Discussion of AIT -</b></p>	<p>The PTAC discussed the wage increment for apprentices. The Chair asked if the PTAC were to select option C, could they offer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A two tier wage increment structure for a Steamfitter/Pipefitter Gasfitter apprentice and a Steamfitter apprentice; and</li> <li>• If so would the wage adjustment be reflected in the Construction Industry Wage Act (CIWA).</li> </ul> <p>Karine told the PTAC the request to change the Steamfitter/Pipefitter wage in the CIWA should be directed to the Executive Director of Employment Standards. The PTAC discussed the disparity of wages amongst other piping trades. Karine advised the PTAC may also direct their concerns of the journey person wage rate in CIWA to the Executive Director of Employment Standards. The PTAC motioned to meet with the Plumbers, RHVAC and Gasfitter PTAC to discuss the options presented and resolve any disparity between the trades.</p> <p>Karine advised the Apprenticeship Trade Qualifications Board (ATQB) did not approve the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document yet. She advised the FAQ document would be finalized by the next PTAC meeting.</p> <p>Karine advised AIT ensured qualified workers in one</p>	<p><b><u>MOTION:</u></b> The Steamfitter/Pipefitter PTAC motions to meet with the Plumber, RHVAC and Gasfitter PTAC to discuss the options presented and resolve any disparity between the trades.</p> <p><b>M:</b> Lawrence Allan <b>S:</b> Doug Murray</p>	

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	<p>province/territory were granted access to similar employment opportunities in other Canadian jurisdictions.</p> <p>She continued to say AIT/Mutual Recognition would be granted if the scope of the trade has a high level of commonality with the designated trade in Manitoba. The province could refuse the applicant if there was a low level of commonality. Karine directed the PTAC members to <a href="http://www.gov.mb.ca/tce/apprent/qualifiers/index">www.gov.mb.ca/tce/apprent/qualifiers/index</a> to review trades that were currently considered as a mutually recognizable (and require no further application in order to work in Manitoba). She said no one has submitted a Steamfitter/Pipefitter AIT Application as of today's date. She advised there was no fee to apply.</p> <p>The PTAC Chair raised concerns regarding the AIT program. Karine advised he may direct his concerns to the Minister of Labour and Immigration.</p>		
13.5 New Business –	<p>Karine advised the PTAC once they select one of the Options the following steps would follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The PTAC would make a recommendation the ATQB;</li> <li>• The Chair and the Policy Analyst would go before the ATQB with the recommendation;</li> <li>• The ATQB would make their decision;</li> <li>• If the ATQB accepts the motion, the Policy Analyst</li> </ul>		Fwd.

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	<p>would work with the justice department and the translation department (please note Apprenticeship Manitoba does not control the processing time, draft or translation as it is forwarded to other departments to review);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board would review the final draft Steamfitter/Pipefitter Trade Regulation;</li> <li>• If approved, the final draft would be sent to the Minister to review;</li> <li>• The trade regulation would become law once it has been registered.</li> </ul> <p>She said that she would keep the committee informed regarding status of their document.</p>		
<p><b>13.6</b>    <b>Next Meeting/ Future Agenda Items</b></p>	<p><b><u>Next Meeting:</u></b> Morning of December 10, 2009.</p> <p><b><u>Future agenda items:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trade Regulation Discussion; and</li> <li>• Alberta Individual Learning Modules (ILM).</li> </ul>		<p><b>Fwd.</b></p>
<p><b>13.7</b>    <b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.</p>	<p><b><u>MOTION:</u></b> Motion to adjourn.</p> <p><b>M:</b> Jeff Skulimowski <b>S:</b> Doug Murray</p>	<p><b>Closed.</b></p>

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*Record of Decisions recorded by Janice Peters*