

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>Competitiveness, Training & Trade www.gov.mb.ca/tradecareers</p>	<p>RECORD OF DECISIONS STEAMFITTER/PIPEFITTER PROVINCIAL TRADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE</p>
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<p>HELD ON</p>	
<p>DAY & DATE: TIME: PLACE:</p>	<p>Thursday July 16, 2009 1:11 p.m. - 4:07 p.m. 1014 – 401 York Avenue</p>

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

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

REGRETS	ORGANIZATION	MEMBER TYPE	VOTE - NO VOTE
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ABSENT	ORGANIZATION	MEMBER TYPE	VOTE - NO VOTE
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STAFF	POSITION
Ihor Cap	Program Development Coordinator
Karine Levasseur	Policy Analyst
Rick Guilbault	Apprenticeship Training Coordinator
Janice Peters	PTAC Administrative Assistant

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12.1 Call to Order	The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:11pm		Closed.
12.2 Approval of Agenda		<p>MOTION: To approve the July 16, 2009 agenda as written.</p> <p>M: Doug Murray S: Lawrence Allan Carried.</p>	Closed.
12.3 Approval of Record of Decisions.	<p>The PTAC raised questions regarding grandparenting. Rick and Karine explained that as of January 08, 2009 the Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Board (ATQB) re-opened the grandparenting clause in the trade regulation. Karine told the PTAC the clause would be opened until January 08, 2010.</p> <p>The PTAC asked why the grandparenting was re-opened. Rick advised that Apprenticeship Manitoba received many requests from the industry to reopen the clause.</p> <p>Branch staff advised that a person who wants to apply for grandparenting and has experience in the trade may be granted a certificate of qualification if the person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes application to the director, in the form approved by the director, within one year of the coming into force of this section; • Provides evidence acceptable to the director that he or she has satisfactory proficiency and at least seven and a half years of relevant experience during the years 1994-2004 in the 	<p>MOTION: To approve the Record of Decisions dated May 07, 2009 as written.</p> <p>M: Tim Furlong S: Jeff Skulimowski Carried.</p>	

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	<p>tasks of the trade, including the mandatory tasks; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pays the prescribed fee. <p>The Chair asked if Apprenticeship Manitoba extended the duration of the 2004 grandparenting clause. Branch staff advised no.</p> <p>PTAC members and branch staff discussed the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT). Karine explained to the PTAC that AIT aims to reduce barriers to the movement of labour within Canada (with the exception of Nunavut, which practices the observer status).</p>		
<p>12.4 Contact Information Update</p>	<p>No update required.</p>		<p>Closed.</p>
<p>12.5 Orientation/Business Arising:</p> <p>12.5.1 Field Operations Unit - Rick Guilbault, Apprenticeship Training Coordinator Orientation -</p> <p>PTAC Membership Update</p>	<p>Rick Guilbault introduced himself to the PTAC. He explained his role as the Apprenticeship Training Coordinator (ATC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist apprentices entering into the apprenticeship program; • Assist apprentices and employers in filling out the Apprenticeship agreement; • Schedule apprentices for classes; • Enforce the attendance policy in the schools; • Monitor training on job sites; and • Work closely with Workplace Safety and Health. <p>Rick advised there are no updates for PTAC memberships.</p>		

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<p>Redefining Steamfitter/Pipefitter Apprenticeship 5 yrs to 4yrs</p>	<p>to the ATQB. Karine advised the recommendation approval process to the PTAC.</p> <p>Rick told the PTAC that Gasfitter Trade has been designated as a trade at the request of Industry. Rick advised the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employers found difficulty in recruiting properly trained technicians; • Safety concerns for the public and industry; • Apprentices would be forced to take gasfitter training even though they may never handle gas in their career (i.e. rural/northern Manitoba); • IP exam results are low in some trades (e.x. Plumber) because of the delivery of gas; • Educators advised 7 weeks was not enough time to properly teach gasfitting technical training; • Concerns were raised that apprentices should not receive a gas license while learning their trade; and • Need more transparency and standards in this area. <p>Karine advised the following options available to the Steamfitter/Pipefitter PTAC regarding gasfitting. <u>OPTION A:</u> Steamfitter/Pipefitter No Gas</p> <p>Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No technical training to obtain a gasfitter “B” 		

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	<p>license;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To obtain the remaining gasfitter training, the apprentice would need to complete an additional two years of gasfitting training; The current level three gas curriculum would be replaced with steamfitter/pipefitter curriculum. <p>Term of Apprenticeship for Option A: 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>FACT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gasfitter B will be a two year apprenticeship; Current gas curriculum in level three to be replaced with steamfitter/pipefitter curriculum. <p><u>OPTION B:</u> Steamfitter/Pipefitter/Gasfitter (Mandatory)</p> <p>Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a steamfitter/pipefitter/gasfitter apprenticeship in which gasfitter apprenticeship would be mandatory. Technical training to obtain a gasfitter “B” license (both levels) is provided within the five-year term of apprenticeship. The apprentice would complete the Steamfitter/Pipefitter Certification of Qualification 		

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	<p>and then complete the gasfitter apprenticeship and received gasfitter certification of qualifications at the end of the apprenticeship program.</p> <p>Term of Apprenticeship for Option B: 5 years: (includes technical training for Gasfitter “B” License) 4 years of steamfitter/pipefitter 1 year of gasfitter (at the end of the program)</p> <p><u>OPTION C:</u> Reduce the 5-year term of apprenticeship to 4 years and leave gasfitter technical training and practical training to the end of the apprentice’s program to obtain gasfitter “B” license. Obtaining the extra year of gasfitter training is optional.</p> <p>Level one gasfitter would be incorporated into one or all levels of steamfitter/pipefitter. Level two gasfitter would be an extra year (at the end) as an option.</p> <p>Term of Apprenticeship for Option C: 4 years – steamfitter/pipefitter 1 year – gasfitter (optional)</p> <p>The Chair asked if the Red Seal Exam would be revised to reflect the options. Branch staff advised no. A PTAC member asked if Option C would require the journeyman to redo the steamfitter/pipefitter program</p>		

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12.6.1 Discussion and possible election of Vice Chair	position of the Vice-Chair.	The PTAC motions to accept Tim Furlong as the Vice-Chair of the Steamfitter/Pipefitter PTAC. M: Jeff Skulimowski S: Lawrence Allan Carried.	
12.7 Next Meeting/ Future Agenda Items	<u>Next Meeting:</u> Tentative Full day meeting September 22, 2009. <u>Future agenda items:</u>		Closed.
12.8 Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.	<u>MOTION:</u> Motion to adjourn. M: Doug Murray S: Tim Furlong Carried.	Closed.

Minutes Recorded by Janice Peters, PTAC Support