

# Sheet Metal Worker

## Dual Trade Certification with Gasfitter - Class B Available September 2017

### **How will the addition of gasfitter – class B to the sheet metal worker apprenticeship program be implemented in 2017?**

Implementation is being phased in over two academic years through a new course outline that will be available after July 1, 2017. Starting September 2017, first period and second period apprentices will begin instruction in phase one of the [new course outline](#) that includes gasfitter content. Apprentices enrolled in third or fourth period of technical training for the 2017/18 academic year will continue using the current course outline that does not include gasfitter content.

When apprentices enroll for their third or fourth period in the 2018/19 academic year, the new course outline will include gasfitter content.

### **Will trade regulations be impacted?**

The gasfitter trade regulation will be amended to include references that sheet metal worker apprentices who do not hold a gasfitter certification will be deemed to be also an apprentices in the gasfitter - class B branch of the trade.

### **What will be covered in the new course outline?**

Elements of the gasfitter – class B program will be introduced in 2017, and feature a greater focus on residential appliance installation and applications for first and second period apprentices.

In 2018, third period and fourth period courses will have content about gasfitter - class B. Gasfitter - class B apprentices and journeyman can work on gas systems that do not exceed 400,000 BTUs.

To obtain dual certification, all apprentices must successfully complete on-the-job-training and technical training that includes both sheet metal worker and gasfitter – class B content.

### **How will these changes affect current apprentices in the sheet metal worker apprenticeship program?**

Beginning in the academic year of 2017/18, Apprenticeship and Industry Training (AIT) will use technical training marks for fourth period practical assessments of sheet metal worker apprentices as they are no longer required to do industry practical and pattern development exams. In the 2018/19 academic year, sheet metal worker apprentices will begin writing the interprovincial Red Seal gasfitter – class B exam as part of their fourth period assessment.

Only apprentices that successfully complete technical training under the new course outline with gasfitter content will be eligible for gasfitter - class B certification.

### **Why was gasfitter – class B added to the sheet metal worker apprentice program?**

Gasfitter-related training, both on the job and in the classroom, has always been part of the sheet metal apprenticeship program. Most sheet metal workers are employed by heating and ventilation companies involved in residential, commercial and industrial construction that also require gasfitting services.

Alberta-certified journeypersons will now take responsibility for all of their gasfitter-related work under the gas permit and building code regulations making the heating and ventilation industry more efficient.

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