

# Apprenticeship Manitoba & Agreement on Internal Trade

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# Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT)

- An interprovincial trade agreement signed by all First Ministers; entered into force July 1, 1995
- Resolves to eliminate barriers to the free movement of persons, goods, services and investments within Canada;
- Resolves to establish an open, efficient and stable domestic market.

# AIT Chapter 7: Labour Mobility

- **Article 706: Certification of Workers**
  - Red seal recognized as qualified to practice
- **Article 707: Occupational Standards**
  - based on common interprovincial standards
  - acknowledge their continued commitment to the Interprovincial Standards Red Seal Program

# AIT & Labour Mobility

- Manitoba has had a long standing commitment to AIT and labour mobility
- Manitoba has committed to national agreements rather than bi-laterals

# Manitoba & Labour Mobility

- Manitoba was the first province to proclaim its labour mobility legislation in June 2009.

C.C.S.M. c. L5

## The Labour Mobility Act

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(Assented to June 11, 2009)

WHEREAS removing barriers to internal trade will help to ensure that Manitoba's economy is productive, competitive and well-positioned for long-term success;

AND WHEREAS the governments of Canada, the provinces, Yukon and the Northwest Territories have agreed to enhance labour mobility within Canada under Chapter 7 (Labour Mobility) of the Agreement on Internal Trade;

AND WHEREAS under that Chapter all parties have agreed to take steps to reconcile differences in occupational standards by adopting common interprovincial standards to the extent possible and where practical, and by their continued commitment to the Interprovincial Standards Red Seal Program;

AND WHEREAS that Chapter requires that workers who have been certified in an occupation by a regulatory authority in another province or territory are recognized as being qualified in that occupation by the appropriate Manitoba authority;

THEREFORE HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, enacts as follows:

# Manitoba Process

## Manitoba Process: Review/Approval of Exceptions

- Initial approval by the Deputy Minister of the responsible department
- Approval by the Deputy Minister of Entrepreneurship, Training and Trade and forwarding to the Minister for final approval and public posting

## Manitoba Exceptions To date

- In Manitoba over 200 regulated occupations governed by ~ 65 statutes and 175 regulations have been identified
- To date, the Government of Manitoba has approved the justification for 3 exceptions to full labour mobility (i.e. *Lawyer, Practical Nurse, Midwife*)

# Apprenticeship and Certification Act

- The *Apprenticeship and Certification Act* enhances and expands apprenticeship training and certification in Manitoba.

C.C.S.M. c. A110

## The Apprenticeship and Certification Act

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(Assented to October 8, 2009)

WHEREAS a highly skilled workforce is vital to Manitoba's economic prosperity;

AND WHEREAS participants in the apprenticeship and certification system are trained and have their skills certified in accordance with provincial and national standards;

AND WHEREAS Manitoba's continued participation in and support for the Interprovincial Standards Red Seal Program is beneficial for both employers and skilled workers;

AND WHEREAS the apprenticeship and certification system must be accessible and relevant and responsive to the needs of Manitobans;

AND WHEREAS ensuring that the apprenticeship and certification system continues to meet those needs requires the collaboration of employers and employees, as well as educational institutions and the government;

THEREFORE HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, enacts as follows:

# Internal Policy

- Apprenticeship Manitoba has developed an internal policy to assist with administrative procedures encountered in processing 'AIT clients'.
- Red Seal is automatically recognized without an application.
- Manitoba will continue to issue all certificates of qualification bearing a Red Seal in Red Seal Trades