

# Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act

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## Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic Trade Transition Order

Board Order 4/2018

### NOTE

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**APPENDIX**  
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**Interpretation**

**1** In this Order,

- (a) “apprentice” means a person who is an apprentice in the trade;
- (b) “apprenticeship program” means apprenticeship program as defined under the *Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act*;
- (c) “existing apprentice” means a person who immediately before September 1, 2018 was an apprentice in the trade;
- (d) “hours of on the job training” means hours of on the job training prescribed in the trade Regulation that an apprentice must acquire in an apprenticeship program in the trade;
- (e) “new apprenticeship program” means an apprenticeship program under the trade Regulation;
- (f) “on the job training” means on the job training as defined in the *Apprenticeship Program Regulation* (AR 258/2000);
- (g) “previous apprenticeship program” means an apprenticeship program under the trade Regulation as it existed before September 1, 2018;
- (h) “previous hours of on the job training” means hours of on the job training prescribed in the trade Regulation as it existed before September 1, 2018 that an apprentice must acquire in each period of an apprenticeship program in the trade;
- (i) “technical training” means technical training as defined in the *Apprenticeship Program Regulation* (AR 258/2000);
- (j) “trade” means the occupation of refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic that is designated as a compulsory certification trade pursuant to the *Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act*;
- (k) “trade Regulation” means the *Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic Trade Regulation* (AR 300/2000).

**Existing apprentices - requirement to enter into the new apprenticeship program**

**2** An existing apprentice must, subject to this Order, enter into the new apprenticeship program on September 1, 2018. Placement in the specific new apprenticeship program period of training will match the old apprenticeship program period placement.

### **Existing apprentices - transition period**

**3(1)** Subject to this Order and until August 31, 2024, the hours of on the job training that an existing apprentice must acquire in each period of an apprenticeship program in the trade are the previous hours of on the job training.

**(2)** For greater certainty, the previous hours of on the job training that an existing apprentice must acquire, as applicable are:

- (a)** in the first period, an existing apprentice must acquire not less than 1500 hours of on the job training;
- (b)** in the 2nd period, an existing apprentice must acquire not less than 1500 hours of on the job training;
- (c)** in the 3rd period, an existing apprentice must acquire not less than 1500 hours of on the job training;
- (d)** in the 4th period, an existing apprentice must acquire not less than 1500 hours of on the job training.

### **Credit for existing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> period apprentices**

**4(1)** An existing apprentice who, before September 1, 2018, has successfully completed the first, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> periods of apprenticeship in the previous apprenticeship program is to be given credit for having successfully completed the first, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> periods of apprenticeship, as applicable, of the new apprenticeship program.

**(2)** An existing apprentice who, before September 1, 2018, has not successfully completed the first, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> periods of apprenticeship is to be given credit for the technical training the apprentice has successfully completed and the hours of on the job training the apprentice has acquired in the apprentice's previous apprenticeship program.

**(3)** Subject to credit being granted under subsections (1) and (2), an existing apprentice must successfully complete the requirements of the new apprenticeship program in order to be granted a trade certificate in the trade.

### **Credit for on the job training**

**5** In granting credit for hours of on the job training for the purposes of this Order, the credit granted may be a lesser amount if the Executive Director is on the opinion that the lesser amount properly reflects the actual amount of hours of on the job training that the existing apprentice had acquired in the trade before September 1, 2018.

### **Existing trade certificates**

**6** A trade certificate granted in the trade before September 1, 2018 is equivalent to a trade certificate granted in the trade on or after September 1, 2018.

### **Coming into force**

**7** This Order comes into force on September 1, 2018.