

Regulation **Update**

Changes to the Mature Student definition of the General Regulation:

On February 14, 2009, the Government of Manitoba registered a revised definition of Mature Student under S. 1 (1) of the General Regulation.

General Regulation Definition

The term "Mature Student" as defined in the General Regulation will be replaced with the term "Access Program Trainee".

An individual who was considered a Mature Student as defined by the General Regulation, was required to undergo a skills assessment prior to registration in order to be eligible for apprenticeship training. The Branch was unable to conduct an essential skill assessment on those in the process of applying for apprenticeship since they were not registered as Apprenticeship clients.

The new definition, Access Program Trainee, expands access to the essential skills assessment program by registering apprentices who do not have traditional academic backgrounds and may require upgrading to ensure their success prior to the technical portion of their apprenticeship.

For more information on Essential Skills for the Trades, please visit http://www.wem.mb.ca/awest_essential_skills_for_trades.aspx.

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