

## *Heavy-Duty Equipment Certificate Program and Apprenticeship information*

### 1. What is an Apprenticeship?

Apprenticeship is a work based post-secondary training program that leads to a Certificate of Qualification in a skilled trade. Most trade programs take 2-4 years to complete, and they combine approximately 80 percent paid-on-the-job training with 20 percent technical training in the classroom. The Heavy-Duty Equipment Apprenticeship consist of 4 levels. See link for details: [Province of Manitoba | wd - Manitoba Trades](#)

### 2. What is the Heavy-Duty Equipment Technician Certificate Program?

The Heavy-Duty Equipment Certificate Program is a pre-employment program, which also gives you the opportunity to get *Level 1* Apprenticeship accreditation with an overall Program GPA of 3.0 or higher (70% or higher).

[Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic - Overview :: Red River College Program & Course Catalogue \(rrc.ca\)](#)

### 3. What is a Level 1 Accreditation?

Level 1 accreditation makes you eligible to receive credit for Level 1 technical training, as well as credit for 900 practical/shop hours.

### 4. Am I a Level 1 Apprentice once I graduate from the Heavy-Duty Equipment Technician Certificate Program?

No, providing you meet the criteria, you are Level 1 accredited, but you are not a Level 1 Apprentice.

You must be enrolled into an Apprenticeship program to become an apprentice.

### 5. How many levels of Apprenticeship is there?

First of all, you are eligible for an accreditation for one of three trades:

- Agricultural Equipment Technician (4 levels)
- Heavy Duty Equipment Technician (4 levels)
- Truck and Transport Mechanic (4 levels)

Each level requires 1800 practical hours (paid-on-the-job training or Educational Institution practical accreditation hours) and a technical training (classroom) portion, for a total of 7200 practical hours. To become a Red Seal Journeyman, you will need to successfully complete all 4 levels.

[Province of Manitoba | wd - Agricultural Equipment Technician](#)

[Province of Manitoba | wd - Heavy Duty Equipment Technician \(gov.mb.ca\)](#)

[Province of Manitoba | wd - Truck and Transport Mechanic](#)

### 6. How does Manitoba Apprenticeship know I am accredited for Level 1?

The Accreditation is on your Heavy-Duty Equipment Technician Certificate Transcript, which you need to present when applying for your apprenticeship.

**7. How does my College Accreditation work with Apprenticeship Manitoba?**

You require 1800 practical (on the job) hours to complete each level of apprenticeship. As an example, if you complete the Certificate program with a level 1 accreditation, you will be credited 900 of the required 1800 hours and complete the remaining 900 as an employed Apprentice.

**8. How can I get enrolled into the Apprenticeship Program?**

You will need to find employment with an employer that is registered with Apprenticeship Manitoba to be able to complete your Apprenticeship with them. Then you apply for your Apprenticeship Program, see link below for online instructions and application form:

[Province of Manitoba | wd - Apply for Your Apprenticeship \(gov.mb.ca\)](http://www.gov.mb.ca/industry/apply-for-your-apprenticeship/)

Please note, the employer will need to complete their portion on the application/contract and agree to the apprenticeship.

\*\*\* If you find an employer that you really want to work for and they are not registered with Apprenticeship Manitoba, it can be arranged, providing the employer wants to and that they meet the criteria.

**9. Does my Accreditation expire? And if so, how long is it valid for?**

Yes, your Red River College Accreditation will expire 2 years after your RRC program graduation date. You will need to be enrolled into the apprenticeship program within 2 years of graduation to be able to use your Accreditation.

If your Accreditation does expire, you will start over from Level 1 again.

**10. I am an International Student; how can I apply for an Apprenticeship?**

*Everything* applies the same, except, you need to have a Permanent Resident (PR) status to be able to go to the College for technical (theory) training.

You can, however, already apply for apprenticeship while you are still working towards and/or waiting for your PR application to be approved, which allows you to start collecting practical hours prior to having your PR status.

**11. Do I need to take the Heavy-Duty Equipment Certificate Program to get a job as an apprenticing Heavy-Duty Equipment Technician?**

No. If an employer is willing to hire you as an Apprentice without any trade's training/education, they are welcome to do so.

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