

Final Report – November 25, 2019: Plumber

The mandate for the Steamfitter/Pipefitter and Plumber TAC was to advise and make recommendations on enhancing employer, journeyperson and apprentice participation in the Steamfitter/Pipefitter and Plumber trades. Trade regulation and NSCC/NSAA program reviews were also part of the mandate as was improving the trade profiles for Steamfitter/Pipefitter and Plumber.

The TAC conducted a review of the NSCC pre-apprenticeship and the NSAA apprenticeship programs on November 19, 2018. One recommendation from the review was to continue to maintain apprenticeship transfer credit. It was also recommended that Atlantic Level 1 Technical Training be reviewed regularly to determine whether there are gaps in NSCC pre-apprenticeship programming. Further recommendations included limiting electrical content to trade requirements for pipe trades, recognizing that certified fall arrest is needed for all piping programs and should be added to Plumbing Technical Training and incorporating drawings and P&ID (piping and instrumentation diagrams) throughout technical training to certification.

Work around identifying the scope of trade for Steamfitter/Pipefitter/Plumber was conducted in November 2019 by TAC members and the Supervisor, Compliance and Enforcement. The TAC also conducted a trade regulation review in July 2020 in which various issues were discussed but it was decided that no changes were required at this time. Finally, TAC members encouraged the NSAA to both simplify the G7 application process and reduce barriers to gaining this endorsement from the Department of Labour and Advanced Education. Work has been ongoing between the NSAA and Fuel Safety to move forward with this issue.

The work of these TACs has been concluded.