

Information Bulletin

Qualification Requirements For Personnel Conducting Verification of Fire Alarm Systems

Effective June 1, 2008, a Manitoba Fire Alarm Technician ‘M’ Licence is required to perform fire alarm verifications in the City of Winnipeg.

In 2006, the Provincial Board of Electrical examiners was approached by members of the fire alarm industry expressing concern that fire alarm technicians, who are performing fire alarm tests and verifications, are not licenced to perform electrical work such as disconnecting and installing new components on existing fire alarm systems.

The Province of Manitoba created a new limited specialized trade licence ‘M’ for fire alarm technicians. The scope of this licence allows holders to maintain, service, repair and verify fire alarm systems.

A Fire Alarm Technician ‘M’ Licence may be obtained from the Province of Manitoba by completing an application form and providing a copy of a Canadian Fire Alarm Association (CFAA) certificate.

Installations of fire alarm systems must still be performed by a licenced electrician.

Fire alarm verifications shall be conducted by a qualified person other than the installing contractor or designer.

Important Note for Verification Reports:

In addition to the name and contact information of the verifying organization, the submitted verification report must include **ALL** of the following:

- the printed name,
- the signature,
- the ‘M’ Licence number, and
- the CFAA certificate number

of the primary technician conducting the verification.