

Tool Allowance and Apprenticeship Program

One of the key issues identified in the original Manitoba Collision Repair Industry Study (MCRIS) commissioned jointly by Manitoba Public Insurance, The Automotive Trade Association and the Manitoba Motor Dealers Association in 2008 was the recruitment and retention of qualified tradespeople. The recently completed update to the study showed this continues to be a significant concern of the industry.

We are pleased to announce that through the recently signed agreement among the Automotive Trades Association, Manitoba Motor Dealers Association and Manitoba Public Insurance, the successful Tool Allowance and Apprenticeship Grant program will continue.

Manitoba Public Insurance will help apprentices in the Motor Vehicle Body Repairer Program or the Motor Vehicle Body Painter Program, offered through Apprenticeship Manitoba, complete their education.

Manitoba Public Insurance provides the following financial assistance:

- A \$5,000 (maximum) Tool Allowance
- A \$2,000 Apprenticeship Grant after successful completion of each level of the program (up to \$8,000 for apprentices in the four-level Motor Vehicle Body Repairer Program and up to \$4,000 for apprentices in the two-level Motor Vehicle Body Painter Program).

These grants are helping to attract and retain a skilled collision repair workforce in Manitoba, and building a strong working relationship between the trade and Manitoba Public Insurance. Participation has grown and since the program was introduced, Manitoba Public Insurance has provided over \$900,000 in apprenticeship grants and tool allowances.

MPI Financial Assistance Provided*	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	Total
Number of Apprenticeship Grants	-	31	102	101	234
Apprenticeship Grants (\$)	\$ -	\$ 62,000	\$ 204,000	\$ 202,000	\$ 468,000
Tool Allowance (\$)	\$ -	\$ 24,772	\$ 209,857	\$ 200,744	\$ 435,373
Total per Year (\$)	\$ -	\$ 86,772	\$ 413,857	\$ 402,744	\$ 903,373

* Note – from program introduction to the end of MPI's fiscal year February 28, 2013.

For more information, or to apply for financial assistance, please refer to our partners website: <http://mpipartners.ca/LightVehicles/Training/TAAG.html>