



Steamfitter/Pipefitter Interprovincial Journeyperson Examination Information

Apprentice Requirements:	4 years and 7200 hours
Tradesperson Requirements:	6 years and 10800 hours
Practical Examination:	No

The interprovincial (IP) journeyperson examination for this trade is developed by a national committee of worker and employer representatives. The content for IP Examinations is drawn from the Red Seal Occupational Analysis (RSOS) for that trade and is based on industry's standards and expectations. You can download and print a free copy of the RSOS from the Red Seal website by visiting www.red-seal.ca

To write the interprovincial journeyperson examination, you must either successfully complete an apprenticeship training program or meet tradesperson eligibility requirements. The pass mark is 70%.



Steamfitter/Pipefitter - Red Seal Examination Breakdown

An Interprovincial Red Seal examination is based on the Red Seal Occupational Standard (RSOS) for the trade. The RSOS describes the skills and knowledge required to perform the duties of the trade. Each standard is divided into Blocks (NOA) or Major Work Activities (MWA) (RSOS), which are divided into Tasks, which are divided into Sub-tasks.

The Red Seal examination has a certain number of questions assigned to these sections. The number of questions are provided below. For more information, see the full Red Seal Occupational Standard for this [trade](#).

Total number of questions on the Interprovincial Red Seal examination - 130 questions*

Subject	Percent	Number of Questions
MWA A: Performs Common Occupational Skills	12%	
Task A-1 Performs safety related functions		5
Task A-2 Uses and maintains tools and equipment		5
Task A-3 Organizes job		6
MWA B: Performs Layout, Fabrication and Piping Installation	22%	
Task B-4 Performs fabrication		9
Task B-5 Lays out, identifies and installs piping, tubing, fittings and related components		11
Task B-6 Installs, maintains, troubleshoots, repairs and tests valves		6
Task B-7 Installs, tests, maintains, troubleshoots and repairs heat tracing systems		3
MWA C: Performs Rigging, Hoisting, Lifting and Positioning	13%	
Task C-8 Performs common rigging, hoisting, lifting and positioning		11
Task C-9 Performs complex and critical rigging, hoisting, lifting and positioning		6
MWA D: Installs, Tests, Maintains, Troubleshoots and Repairs Low and High Pressure Steam and Condensate Systems	19%	
Task D-10 Installs, tests, maintains, troubleshoots and repairs low pressure steam and condensate systems		11
Task D-11 Installs, tests, maintains, troubleshoots and repairs high pressure steam and condensate systems		13

MWA E: Installs, Tests, Maintains, Troubleshoots and Repairs Heating, Cooling and Process Piping Systems	20%	
Task E-12 Installs, tests, maintains, troubleshoots and repairs hydronic systems		6
Task E-13 Installs, tests, maintains, troubleshoots and repairs process piping systems		6
Task E-14 Installs, tests, maintains, troubleshoots and repairs water and waste treatment systems		2
Task E-15 Installs, tests, maintains, troubleshoots and repairs hydraulic systems		2
Task E-16 Installs, tests, maintains, troubleshoots and repairs heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVACR) systems		3
Task E-17 Installs, tests, maintains, troubleshoots and repairs fuel systems		2
Task E-18 Installs, tests, maintains, troubleshoots and repairs medical gas systems		2
Task E-19 Installs, tests, maintains, troubleshoots and repairs compressed air and pneumatic systems		3
Task E-20 Installs and tests fire protection systems (NOT COMMON CORE)		0
MWA F: Installs, Tests, Maintains, Troubleshoots and Repairs Renewable Energy Systems	5%	
Task F-21 Installs, tests, maintains, troubleshoots and repairs geo-exchange and geothermal systems		2
Task F-22 Installs, tests, maintains, troubleshoots and repairs solar heating systems		1
Task F-23 Installs, tests, maintains, troubleshoots and repairs heat recovery systems		4
MWA G: Performs Commissioning, Start-Up and Turnover	9%	
Task G-24 Prepares system for commissioning, start-up and turnover		6
Task G-25 Commissions systems		5
Total	100%	130

Suggested trade resources when preparing for the examination.

To assist you, a list of reference textbooks is provided below. Note that ISBN numbers are subject to change. Please consult with your supplier to access their most current version of the text you are acquiring. It is not necessary to use these specific textbooks; you may find others which will be equally beneficial. You are encouraged to seek additional reference materials in all test areas.

- Fundamentals of Gas Utilization (3rd Edition) by Dutton ISBN 9780919852358
- Low Pressure Boilers by Steingress ISBN 9780826943651
- IPT Pipe Trades Handbook IPT Publishing and Training Ltd ISBN 9780920855188
- CSA / B149.1-20 Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code 20240691
- CSA / B149.2-20 Propane Storage and Handling Code 20240714
- SASKPOWER / The Saskatchewan Codes of Practice Gas Installation Supplement CSA-B149.1-20 20253059
- SASKPOWER / The Saskatchewan Codes of Practice Gas Installation Supplement CSA-B149.2-20 20253035
- Advanced Steamfitter Manual Code 20098766
- ELEC470/484 Basic Electricity PLMB STPF APP LEVEL 4 Code 20039608
- Math 470 PLMB STPF APP LEVEL 4 Code 20013189
- Steamfitter/Pipefitter Apprentice Level 4 package

*Unless otherwise noted, books listed here are available through the Saskatchewan Polytechnic Bookstore Call Centre: 1-866-569-8398.

Individual Learning Modules (ILMs) for the Steamfitter/Pipefitter trade may be ordered through the Saskatchewan Polytechnic Bookstore Call Centre: 1-866-569-8398 or through www.tradesecrets.org under Steamfitter/Pipefitter.

NOTE: Textbooks **are not** usually available from libraries. When texts are being purchased, candidates should allow several weeks for delivery and several weeks for studying.

Red Seal Examination preparation resources:

To assist in the understanding of the development of all Interprovincial Red Seal examinations, Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) has developed the following information.

- A short video explaining the role of an occupational standard in the development of a Red Seal examination can be accessed on the Red Seal website at the following link: <http://www.red-seal.ca/resources/wh.1t.3sn.4.1-eng.html>
- The Getting Ready for the Examination document can be accessed through the Red Seal website at the following link: <http://www.red-seal.ca/docms/getready-eng.pdf>
- Red Seal examination sample questions can be accessed on the Red Seal Website at the following link: http://www.red-seal.ca/resources/s.1mpl.2_q.5.2st.3.4ns-eng.html

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