

Scaffolder

Proficiency Examination Information

Apprentice Requirements:	4 years and 6000 hours
Tradesperson Requirements:	6 years and 9000 hours
Practical Examination:	No

The Scaffolder trade examinations are developed by the Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission in co-operation with a committee of worker and employer representatives selected from industry. Examination content is based on industry's standards and expectations.

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

For more information about the Scaffolding trade please visit our website at:
<https://saskapprenticeship.ca>

Use of cell phones, electronic imaging/recording or communication equipment is **not** permitted. You will be required to leave immediately if any of these items are found on your person.

Please note that examinations and study information change frequently. The most recent information is available on our web site at www.saskapprenticeship.ca

Scaffolder – Proficiency Examination Breakdown

A Proficiency examination is based on the Provincial Occupational Analysis (POA) for the trade. The POA describes the skills and knowledge required to perform the duties of the trade. Each standard is divided into Blocks which are divided into Tasks, which are further divided into Sub- tasks.

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

Total number of questions on the Proficiency examination - 120 questions*

Subject	Percent	Number of Questions
MWA A: Performs Common Occupational Skills	60%	
Task A-1: Uses and maintains tools and equipment		12
Task A-2: Performs safety related activities		13
Task A-3: Uses building materials		8
Task A-4: Interprets construction documents		27
Task A-5: Performs project related skills		12
MWA B: Erects temporary structures	40%	
Task B-6: Erects access structures		31
Task B-7: Erects shoring and falsework		5
Task B-8: Erects support structures		5
Task B-9: Erects suspended work platforms		5
Task B-10: Erects specialized safety structures		2
Total	100%	120

**The number of questions on a proficiency examination are assigned to assess each major work activity of the POA, as derived from the collective input from workers within the trade across Saskatchewan.*

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 textbook 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.

- Code of Practice for Access Scaffold: Z797-09, Canadian Standards Association [can be purchased through: <http://shop.csa.ca/>]
- Ontario Scaffolding Information: <http://www.ihsa.ca>
- Occupational Health and Safety Act and Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2012, Queen's Printer, ph. 1-800-226-7302 or email: qprinter@gov.sk.ca or www.qp.gov.sk.ca

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

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