

Esthetician-Nail Technician

Provincial Journeyperson Examination Information

Apprentice Requirements:	2 years and 3600 hours
Tradesperson Requirements:	3 years and 5400 hours
Practical Examination:	Yes

The provincial journeyperson examination for this trade is developed by Esthetician Journeypersons and employer representatives. The content for this examination is drawn from the Provincial Occupational Analysis (POA) and is based on industry's standards and expectations. You can download and print a free copy of the POA from the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship website by visiting www.saskapprenticeship.ca.

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

There is a written examination and a practical examination. You must pass the written examination before you may apply for the practical.

Technical training can be obtained through two learning formats:

- A full Esthetician program that covers “full scope” of the trade. This training and the required “on-the-tools” trade time will prepare the apprentice to attempt the journeyperson written and practical certification examinations.
- Individual/modular courses can be delivered in almost any order. After completion of modular programming classes that cover the trade’s minimum requirements listed below and the required “on-the-tools” trade time will prepare the apprentice to attempt the journeyperson written and practical certification examinations.

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 website at www.saskapprenticeship.ca.

Esthetician-Nail Technician – Provincial Journeyperson Examination Breakdown

A provincial journeyperson examination is based on the Saskatchewan Occupational Standard (SOS) for the trade. The SOS describes the skills and knowledge required to perform the duties of the trade. Each SOS is divided into Major Work Activity, which are divided into Tasks, which are divided into Sub-tasks.

The provincial journeyperson 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 Provincial Journeyperson examination – 125 questions*

Subject	Percent	Number of Questions
MWA A: Common Occupational Skills	24%	
Task A-1: Uses and maintains tools and equipment		9
Task A-2: Performs safety related activities		10
Task A-3: Performs sanitation, disinfection, and sterilization		6
Task A-4: Consults with clients		5
MWA B: Business Management	14%	
Task B-5: Completes client information card		8
Task B-6: Performs reception duties		5
Task B-7: Performs salon management functions		5
MWA C: Nail Care	32%	
Task C-8: Assesses hand, foot, and nail health		9
Task C-9: Performs manicure		9
Task C-10: Performs pedicure		11
Task C-11: Performs specialized services		6
Task C-12: Finishes nails		5
MWA D: Enhancing Nails	30%	
Task D-13: Performs enhancement services		26
Task D-14: Performs decorative nail services		11
Total	100%	125

* The number of questions on a provincial journeyperson examination, assigned to assess each block of the SOS, 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 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.

- Milady® Standard Nail Technology with Standard Foundations, Milady Publishing Company. ISBN-13: 9780357446867 (8th Edition, 2020).
- Milady® Standard Nail Technology with Standard Foundations Workbook, Milady Publishing Company. ISBN-13: 9781337786560 (8th Edition, 2020).
- Milady® Standard Esthetics/Standard Foundations, Milady Publishing Company ISBN:9780357263792 (12th Edition, 2019).
- Milady® Standard Esthetics/Standard Foundations Workbook, Milady Publishing Company ISBN:9780357482841(12th Edition, 2019).

- Salon Fundamentals-Esthetics Textbook, Pivot Point International Inc. ISBN: 9780974272313 (2nd Edition, 2007)
- Salon Fundamentals-Nails Textbook, Pivot Point International Inc. ISBN: 9780977996186 (1st Edition, 2007)

The esthetician community of Saskatchewan has developed many resources, available for free download at <https://smartstartconsulting.ca/free-esthetics-technical-training-manuals/>

The esthetician community of Saskatchewan has also developed a Sanitation, Disinfection and Sterilization (SDS) document for Esthetician and client reference (EST-1), information and safety. It is available for free download at <https://saskapprenticeship.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/EST-1-Sanitizing-Disinfecting-and-Sterilizing-2.pdf>

NOTE: Textbooks and professional reference material are not usually available from libraries. To purchase any Milady's books: The NP Group at 1-800-267-4247, 416-291-8057, www.npgroup.ca, email info@npgroup.ca. Enquiries regarding Salon Fundamentals books can be directed to MC College (306) 664-2474. When texts are being purchased, candidates should allow several weeks for delivery and several weeks for studying.

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