

Framer

Proficiency Examination Information

Tradesperson Requirements:	1.5 years and 2700 hours
Practical Examination:	No

The Proficiency examination for this trade was developed by the Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission in co-operation with a committee of worker and employer representatives. The content for Proficiency Examinations 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.

Currently no apprenticeship technical training is available for this trade. To write the proficiency examination, you must meet tradesperson eligibility requirements. The pass mark is 70%.

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.

Important information regarding calculators – please note that due to increasing security issues, candidates are no longer permitted to bring their own calculators to the exam facility. Instead, we will be supplying each candidate with a calculator. Please refer to the “Forms” section of our web page for further information.

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

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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 divided into Sub-tasks.

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

Total number of questions on the Interprovincial Red Seal examination – 120 questions*

Subject	Percent	Number of Questions
MWA A: Common Occupational Skills	40%	
Task A-1: Uses tools and equipment		15
Task A-2: Uses building materials		14
Task A-3: Interprets construction documents		14
Task A-4: Performs project related skills		5
MWA B: Framing	60%	
Task B-5: Lays out framing systems		25
Task B-6: Constructs framing systems		36
Task B-7: Installs exterior doors and windows		11
Total	100%	120

**The number of questions on a proficiency examination, assigned to assess each block 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.

- Carpentry by Vogt and Nauth, pub. Nelson. ISBN 978-0-17-650273-7.
- Carpentry Module Package Level 1, Saskatchewan Polytechnic.
- Canadian Wood Frame House Construction, by Kesik and Lio, pub. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. ISBN 978-0-660-19535-3.

- Practical Problems in Mathematics for Carpenters, Nelson pub. ISBN 978-1-111-31342-5.
- Printreading for Residential Construction by Proctor and Toenjjs, pub. American Technical Publishers. ISBN 0-8269-0478-5.
- Permanent Wood Foundations pub. Canadian Wood Council. ISBN 978-0-921628-72-9.
- The National Building Code of Canada, 2010. ISBN 978-0-660-97379-1.

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

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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