

Landscape Horticulturist

Interprovincial Journeyman Examination Information

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

The interprovincial (IP) journeyman 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 journeyman examination, you must either successfully complete an apprenticeship training program or meet tradesperson eligibility requirements. The pass mark is 70%.

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 text 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
- A trade specific skills assessment tool is available on the Red Seal website at the following link: <https://www.red-seal.ca/docms/landscape-hort/self-assessment.pdf>

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

Landscape Horticulturist - 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 - 120 questions*

Subject	Percent	Number of Questions
MWA A: Performs common occupational skills	19%	
Task A-1: Performs safety related functions		5
Task A-2: Uses tools, equipment, and vehicles		6
Task A-3: Organizes work		7
Task A-4: Participates in marketing and sales		3
Task A-5: Uses communication and mentoring techniques		2
MWA B: Applies horticultural principles	24%	
Task B-6: Applies horticultural practices		18
Task B-7: Applies environmental practices		11
MWA C: Performs landscape construction	34%	
Task C-8: Performs pre-construction activities		10
Task C-9: Installs hardscape		13
Task C-10: Installs softscape		11
Task C-11: Installs green infrastructure systems		6
MWA D: Performs landscape maintenance	23%	
Task D-12: Maintains hardscape		9
Task D-13: Maintains softscape		13
Task D-14: Maintains green infrastructure		6
MWA E: Works in production of plant material (NOT COMMON CORE)	NCC	
Task E-15: Constructs growing facilities (Not Common Core)		0
Task E-16: Operates and maintains growing facilities (Not Common Core)		0
Task E-17: Manages greenhouse crops (Not Common Core)		0

Task E-18: Manages nursery crops (Not Common Core)		0
Total	100%	120

**The number of questions on an interprovincial examination, assigned to assess each major work activity of the RSOS, as derived from the collective input from workers within the trade across Canada.*

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.

- Arboriculture by Richard W. Harris, James R. Clark, and Nelda P. Matheny pub. Prentice Hall ISBN 0131720023
- Arborist's Certification Study Guide by International Society of Arboriculture (I.S.A.) by Sharon J. Lilly ISBN 1881956695
- Bedding Plants by Jim Hole, Lois Hole ISBN 9780968279151
- Henry's Handbook of Soil and Water by Les Henry ISBN 0968765017
- Hole's Dictionary of Hardy Perennials: The Buyers Guide for Professionals, Collectors & Gardeners by Jim Hole ISBN 1894728017
- Horticulture Guide Alberta Agriculture
- Lois Hole's Bedding Plant Favourites by Lois Hole Lone Pine Publishers ISBN 155105079
- Lois Hole's Favourite Trees and Shrubs by Lois Hole Lone Pine Publishers ISBN 1551050811
- Lois Hole's Perennial Favourites by Lois Hole Lone Pine Publishers ISBN 1551050765
- New Tree Biology by Dr. Alex Shigo pub. Shigo and Trees ISBN 0943563127
- The Prairie Water Garden by Harris and Warke pub. Red Deer College Press ISBN 0889951756
- Trees and Shrubs for the Prairies by Landscape Alberta Nursery Trades Assoc. (L.A.N.T.A.) (This book is also available from L.A.N.T.A. phone 1-780-489-1991)
- Trees for Urban and Suburban Landscapes by Edward F. Gilman Delmar Publishers ISBN 0827370539
- Tree Shrub Gardening for Alberta by Don Williamson ISBN 1551056348
- Water Garden Plants for Canada by Alison Beck ISBN 1551054655

*Unless otherwise noted, books listed here are available from the Olds College Bookstore, ph. (403)556-4630.

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.

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