

Painter and Decorator

Interprovincial Journeyperson Examination Information

Apprentice Requirements:	3 years and 5400 hours
Tradesperson Requirements:	4.5 years and 8100 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 National Occupational Analysis (NOA) For that trade and is based on industry's standards and expectations. You can download and print a free copy of the NOA 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%.

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 explanation of 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/trades/paintdeco/2011n.4.1_4v.2rv.3.2w-eng.html#a4

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.

Painter and Decorator - Red Seal Examination Breakdown

An Interprovincial Red Seal examination is based on the National Occupational Analysis (NOA) for the trade. The NOA 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 National Occupational Analysis for this [trade](#).

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

Subject	Percent	Number of Questions
Block A: Common Occupational Skills	22%	
Task A-1: Performs safety related functions		6
Task A-2: Uses and maintains tools and equipment		9
Task A-3: Performs routine trade practices		7
Task A-4: Performs quality control assessments		7
Block B: Surface Preparation	28%	
Task B-5: Performs general surface preparation		11
Task B-6: Prepares wood surfaces for paints, coatings and wall coverings		6
Task B-7: Prepares concrete and masonry surfaces		5
Task B-8: Prepares metal surfaces		6
Task B-9: Prepares plaster surfaces and drywall		8
Block C: Residential, Institutional and Commercial Paints and Coatings	20%	
Task C-10: Prepares for application of residential, institutional, and commercial paints and coatings		9
Task C-11: Applies residential, institutional, and commercial paints and coatings		12
Task C-12: Applies decorative/specialty finishes		5
Block D: Wall Coverings	8%	
Task D-13: Prepares for application of wall coverings		4
Task D-14: Applies wall coverings		6

Block E: Wood Finishes	10%	
Task E-15: Prepares for wood finishing applications		7
Task E-16: Finishes wood surfaces		6
Block F: Industrial Paints and Coatings	12%	
Task F-17: Prepares for application of industrial paints and coatings		8
Task F-18: Applies industrial paints and coatings		8
Total	100%	130

**The number of questions on an interprovincial examination, assigned to assess each major work activity of the NOA, 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.

- Building Trades Blueprint Reading by Strinholm ISBN 978-0773029002
- Painting & Decorating: Skills and Techniques for Success by Blankenbaker, pub. Goodheart-Willcox Co. ISBN 978-1566375061
- Corrosion Prevention by Protective Coatings by Munger, pub. National Association of Corrosion Engineers ISBN 978-1575900889
- SSPC – Volume 1 Good Painting Practice pub. Steel Structures Painting Council
- SSPC – Volume 2 Systems and Specifications pub. Steel Structures Painting Council
- Painting and Decorating Contractors of America, pub. Vail-Ballou Press Inc. ISBN 978-0915050000

*Books listed above may be located through an on-line vendor or local bookstore.

CP2889 – Year 1 Painter Decorator Course Pack (NAIT)

CP2885 – Year 2 Painter Decorator Course Pack (NAIT)

CP2877 – Year 3 Painter Decorator Course Pack (NAIT)

*Course Packs are available from the NAIT Campus Bookstore at (780) 471-7717. Allow four weeks for delivery.

*Unless otherwise noted, books listed here are available from any large bookstore.

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.

FORM # 2012 110122

This information is subject to change without notice.

1-877-363-0536
apprenticeship@gov.sk.ca
saskapprenticeship.ca

