

Scaffolder – Home Study Upgrading A Guide to Course Content

Scaffolders lay out, assemble, erect, use, maintain and dismantle scaffolding including access scaffold, shoring, falsework, bleachers and stages.

Training Requirements:

All candidates applying for upgrading training must be eligible to challenge the Saskatchewan proficiency examination.

This program is designed to prepare individuals to challenge the Saskatchewan Scaffolder Proficiency examination.

The upgrading program has a rigorous training schedule. Individuals must be able to cope with a large volume of reading material in a short period of time. Completion of all assignments is integral to success.

As there is no practical component to the upgrading training program, additional study is recommended in areas where individuals have minimal on-the-job experience.

Important Notes:

This program uses continuous intake so candidates may apply to begin at any time. Participants will have a maximum of four months to complete the entire course.

Participants will be required to attend a final mandatory invigilated comprehensive examination at a to-be specified location.

Interested candidates must contact Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission in order to apply for this program.

The information contained in this pamphlet serves as a guide for employers and apprentices.

This pamphlet briefly summarizes the training delivered in the upgrading program.

The content of the technical training components is subject to change without notice.

Occupational Skills

Information will be provided on the following topics:

- **tools and equipment:** includes hand tools, portable power tools (electric and fuel), stationary power tools, survey (layout) instruments; and personal protective equipment
- **building materials:** includes fasteners, adhesives and connectors; structural materials; non-structural materials; and insulations, membranes and sealants
- **construction documentation:** includes interpretation of blueprints specifications and drawings; application of codes, regulations and standards; estimation of materials, and scheduling of work sequence and interpretation of safety and workplace documentation
- **work related skills:** includes site layout, site preparation, communication and erection of hoarding and shelters

Erection of Temporary Structures

Information will be provided on the following topics:

- **erection of access structures:** includes layout, assembly, maintenance and dismantling of access structures
- **erection of shoring and falsework:** includes layout, assembly, maintenance and dismantling of shoring and falsework
- **erection of support structures:** includes layout, assembly, maintenance and dismantling of support structures
- **erection of suspended platforms:** includes layout, assembly, maintenance and dismantling of suspended work platforms
- **erection of specialized safety structures:** includes layout, assembly, maintenance and dismantling of specialized safety structures

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