Bricklayer – Online Upgrading A Guide to Course Content

Bricklayers lay concrete blocks, brick, precut stone and other materials in the construction or repairing of structures.

Training Requirements: All candidates applying for upgrading training must be eligible to challenge the Bricklayer Interprovincial Journeyperson examination. This program is designed to prepare individuals to challenge the Bricklayer Interprovincial Journeyperson 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.

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

In order to prepare bricklayers for journeyperson certification, the Bricklayer Curriculum and Examination Development Board, in co-operation with Saskatchewan Polytechnic, has developed an upgrading program. The content of this program is outlined in this pamphlet.

Interested candidates must contact the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission, not Saskatchewan Polytechnic, when applying for this program. A delivery of this program is contingent on having enough eligible candidates for a full intake and will be scheduled accordingly.

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



Saskatchewan Polytechnic Bricklayer Upgrading

A – PERFORMS COMMON OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS RSOS topics covered in this section of training:

- performs safety related functions
- uses and maintains tools and equipment
- uses scaffolding
- organizes work

B – PERFORMS GENERAL MASONRY PRACTICES RSOS topics covered in this section of training:

- performs substrate preparation
- performs fundamental masonry tasks
- uses mortars, grouts and adhesives

C – BUILDS MASONRY SYSTEMS

RSOS topics covered in this section of training:

- builds masonry walls
- builds horizontal masonry surfaces
- builds and installs prefabricated masonry
- installs surface-bonded masonry units

D – BUILDS NATURAL STONE SYSTEMS

RSOS topics covered in this section of training:

- builds natural stone walls
- performs mechanically fastened natural stone cladding procedures

E – BUILDS CHIMNEYS AND FIREPLACES

RSOS topics covered in this section of training:

- builds chimneys
- builds fireplaces

F – INSTALLS REFRACTORIES AND CORROSION RESISTANT MATERIALS

RSOS topics covered in this section of training:

- installs and maintains refractories
- installs and maintains corrosion resistant materials

G – PERFORMS RESTORATION

RSOS topics covered in this section of training:

- rebuilds masonry work
- repairs and cleans existing masonry work

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H – PERFORMS ADDITIONAL MASONRY WORK

RSOS topics covered in this section of training:

- installs glass blocks
- installs ornamental and sculpted masonry
- builds arches

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