

# Carpenter

## Interprovincial Journeyperson Examination Information

<b>Apprentice Requirements:</b>	4 years and 7200 hours
<b>Tradesperson Requirements:</b>	6 years and 10800 hours
<b>Practical Examination:</b>	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 Red Seal Occupational Standard (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](http://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 video 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](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: [Red Seal Self-Assessment \(red-seal.ca\)](http://www.red-seal.ca/red-seal-self-assessment)

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](http://www.saskapprenticeship.ca).

## Carpenter - 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 Major Work Activities (MWA), 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 – 100 questions\***

Subject	Percent	Number of Questions
<b>MWA A: Performs Common Occupational Skills</b>	12%	
<b>Task A-1:</b> Uses and maintains tools and equipment		4
<b>Task A-2:</b> Performs safety related activities		3
<b>Task A-3:</b> Builds and uses temporary access structures		3
<b>Task A-4:</b> Uses communication and mentoring techniques		2
<b>MWA B: Performs Planning and Layout</b>	14%	
<b>Task B-5:</b> Interprets documentation		5
<b>Task B-6:</b> Organizes work		3
<b>Task B-7:</b> Performs layout		6
<b>MWA C: Performs Concrete Work</b>	16%	
<b>Task C-8:</b> Constructs formwork		12
<b>Task C-9:</b> Installs concrete, cement-based and epoxy products		4
<b>MWA D: Performs Framing</b>	20%	
<b>Task D-10:</b> Constructs floor systems		6
<b>Task D-11:</b> Constructs deck systems		3
<b>Task D-12:</b> Constructs wall systems		6
<b>Task D-13:</b> Constructs roof and ceiling systems		5
<b>MWA E: Performs Exterior Finish</b>	14%	
<b>Task E-14:</b> Installs exterior doors and windows		5
<b>Task E-15:</b> Installs roofing		4
<b>Task E-16:</b> Installs exterior finishes		5

<b>MWA F: Performs Interior Finish</b>	14%	
<b>Task F-17:</b> Applies wall and ceiling finishes		3
<b>Task F-18:</b> Installs flooring		2
<b>Task F-19:</b> Installs interior doors and windows		4
<b>Task F-20:</b> Constructs and installs finish components and stairs		5
<b>MWA G: Performs Renovations</b>	10%	
<b>Task G-21:</b> Performs renovation-specific support activities		5
<b>Task G-22:</b> Performs renovation-specific construction activities		5
<b>Total</b>	100%	100

*\*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.

### **Saskatchewan Polytechnic Information for Purchase:**

- Canadian Wood-Frame House Construction: Glossary Free downloadable document <http://publications.gc.ca/site/eng/9.700100/publication.html> and <http://publications.gc.ca/site/eng/475462/publication.html> ISBN Code 9780660607498
- Carpentry Vogt ISBN Code 9780176884925
- Concrete Formwork 2016 Koel ISBN Code 9780826907738
- Permanent Wood Foundations 2016 Canada Wood Council ISBN Code 9780991686254
- Saskatchewan Employment Act & The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations Publications Saskatchewan Free downloadable documents <https://pubsaskdev.blob.core.windows.net/pubsask-prod/126367/S15-1r10.pdf> and <https://pubsaskdev.blob.core.windows.net/pubsask-prod/78194/S15-1.pdf> ISBN Code 20282721
- The National Building Code of Canada 2015 National Research Council SC Code 20253588 free download available at: <https://nrc-publications.canada.ca/eng/view/object/?id=c8876272-9028-4358-9b42-6974ba258d99>, or The National Building Code of Canada 2020 ISBN 9780660379135 free download available at: <https://nrc-publications.canada.ca/eng/view/object/?id=515340b5-f4e0-4798-be69-692e4ec423e8>
- Understanding Construction Drawings for Housing and Small Buildings ISBN 0176796169

**Saskatchewan Polytechnic Modules Supplied by Program:**

- Carpentry Apprentice Level 1 Harmonized SKU 20401566
- Carpentry Apprentice Level 2 Harmonized SKU20289911
- Carpentry Apprentice Level 3 Harmonized SKU 20401597
- Carpentry Apprentice Level 4 Harmonized SKU 20325947

Individual Learning Modules (ILMs) for the Carpenter may be ordered through the Saskatchewan Polytechnic Bookstore Call Centre: 1-866-569-8398 or through [www.tradesecrets.org](http://www.tradesecrets.org) under Carpenter.

**Those studying for their Interprovincial examination may wish to refer to other Level booklists for additional study materials.**

\*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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