

# PAINTER AND DECORATOR

## Interprovincial Journeyman Examination Information

<b>Apprentice Requirements:</b>	3 years and 5400 hours
<b>Tradesperson Requirements:</b>	4.5 years and 8100 hours
<b>Practical Examination:</b>	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](http://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 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](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/eng/trades/170\\_painter\\_and\\_decorator/.2x.1m\\_cs.shtml#s1](https://www.red-seal.ca/eng/trades/170_painter_and_decorator/.2x.1m_cs.shtml#s1)

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 the following link: [www.saskapprenticeship.ca](http://www.saskapprenticeship.ca).

## Painter and Decorator - 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, which are divided into Tasks, which are further 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 – 130 questions\***

Subject	Percent	Number of Questions
<b>MWA A: Performs common occupational skills</b>	16%	
<b>Task A-1:</b> Performs safety related functions		4
<b>Task A-2:</b> Uses and maintains tools and equipment		6
<b>Task A-3:</b> Performs routine trade practices		6
<b>Task A-4:</b> Performs quality control assessments		3
<b>Task A-5:</b> Uses communication and mentoring techniques		1
<b>MWA B: Prepares surfaces</b>	23%	
<b>Task B-6:</b> Performs general surface preparation		9
<b>Task B-17:</b> Prepares wood surfaces for paints, coatings and wall coverings		5
<b>Task B-8:</b> Prepares concrete and masonry surfaces		5
<b>Task B-9:</b> Prepares metal surfaces		6
<b>Task B-10:</b> Prepares plaster surfaces and drywall		5
<b>MWA C: – Prepares and applies residential, institutional and commercial paints, coatings and finishes</b>	24%	
<b>Task C-11:</b> Prepares for application of residential, institutional, and commercial paints and coatings		12
<b>Task C-12:</b> Applies residential, institutional, and commercial paints and coatings		15
<b>Task C-13:</b> Applies decorative/specialty finishes		4

<b>MWA D: Prepares and applies wall coverings</b>	7%	
<b>Task D-14:</b> Prepares for application of wall coverings		4
<b>Task D-15:</b> Applies wall coverings		5
<b>MWA E: Prepares and applies wood finishes</b>	8%	
<b>Task E-16:</b> Prepares for wood finishing applications		5
<b>Task E-17:</b> Finishes wood surfaces		6
<b>MWA F: Prepares and applies industrial paints and coatings</b>	22%	
<b>Task F-18:</b> Prepares for application of industrial paints and coatings		15
<b>Task F-19:</b> Applies industrial paints and coatings		14
<b>Total</b>	100%	130

*\*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.

- Building Trades Blueprint Reading by Strinholm ISBN 9780773029002
- Painting & Decorating: Skills and Techniques for Success by Blankenbaker pub. Goodheart-Willcox Co. ISBN 9781566375061
- Corrosion Prevention by Protective Coatings by Munger pub. National Association of Corrosion Engineers ISBN 9781575900889
- 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 Craftsman’s Manual and Textbook Painting and Decorating Contractors of America pub. Vail-Ballou Press Inc. ISBN 9780915050000

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

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

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

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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