

Esthetician-Nail Technician

Provincial Journeyperson Examination Information

Apprentice Requirements:	2 years and 3600 hours
Tradesperson Requirements:	3 years and 5400 hours
Practical Examination:	Yes

The provincial journeyperson examination for this trade is developed by Esthetician Journeypersons and employer representatives. The content for this examination is drawn from the Saskatchewan Occupational Standard (SOS) and is based on industry's standards and expectations. You can download and print a free copy of the SOS from the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship website by visiting www.saskapprenticeship.ca.

To write the provincial journeyperson examination, you must either successfully complete an apprenticeship training program or meet tradesperson eligibility requirements. The pass mark is 70%.

There is a written examination and a practical examination. You must pass the written examination before you may apply for the practical.

Technical training can be obtained through two learning formats:

- A full Esthetician program that covers “full scope” of the trade. This training and the required “on-the-tools” trade time will prepare the apprentice to attempt the journeyperson written and practical certification examinations.
- Individual/modular courses can be delivered in almost any order. After completion of modular programming classes that cover the trade’s minimum requirements listed below and the required “on-the-tools” trade time will prepare the apprentice to attempt the journeyperson written and practical certification examinations.

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.

Esthetician-Nail Technician – Provincial Journeyperson Examination Breakdown

A provincial Journeyperson examination is based on the Saskatchewan Occupational Standard (SOS) for the trade. The SOS describes the skills and knowledge required to perform the duties of the trade. Each SOS is divided into Major Work Activity, which are divided into Tasks, which are divided into Sub-Tasks.

The provincial Journeyperson examination has a certain number of questions assigned to the sections. The number of questions are provided below. For more information, see the full Provincial Occupational Analysis for this [trade](#).

Total number of questions on the provincial Journeyperson examination – 120 questions*

Subject	Percent	Number of Questions
MWA A: Performs common occupational skills	25%	
Task A-1: Uses and maintains tools and equipment		6
Task A-2: Performs safety related activities		3
Task A-3: Performs sanitation, disinfection, and sterilization		13
Task A-4: Consults with clients		8
MWA B: Performs salon operations	5%	
Task B-5: Completes client information card		2
Task B-6: Performs front desk responsibilities		2
Task B-7: Establishes business fundamentals		2
MWA C: Performs nail care	35%	
Task C-8: Assesses hand, foot, and nail health		25
Task C-9: Performs manicure		8
Task C-10: Performs pedicure		5
Task C-11: Performs specialized services		3
Task C-12: Finishes nails		1

MWA D: Performs Nail Enhancements	35%	
Task D-13: Performs enhancement services		42
Task D-14: Performs decorative nail services (Not common core)		0
Total	100%	120

** The number of questions on a provincial Journeyperson examination, assigned to assess each block of the SOS, as derived from the collective input from workers within the trade across Saskatchewan.*

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 text 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.

- Milady Standard Foundations Milady Publishing Company 9th Edition 2021
ISBN 9781337095259
- Milady Standard Esthetics Fundamentals Student Workbook Milady Publishing Company 12th Edition 2019 ISBN 9781337095044
- Milady Standard Nail Technology Milady Publishing Company 7th Edition 2022
ISBN 9781337786553
- Milady Standard Nail Technology Workbook Milady Publishing Company 7th Edition 2020
ISBN 9781337786560

The esthetician community of Saskatchewan has developed many resources, available for free download at <https://smartstartconsulting.ca/free-esthetics-technical-training-manuals/>

The esthetician community of Saskatchewan has also developed a Sanitation, Disinfection and Sterilization (SDS) document for Esthetician and client reference (EST-1), information and safety. It is available for free download at <https://saskapprenticeship.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/EST-1-Sanitizing-Disinfecting-and-Sterilizing-2.pdf>

NOTE: Textbooks and professional reference material are not usually available from libraries. To purchase any Milady's books: The NP Group at 1-800-267-4247, 416-291-8057, www.npgroup.ca, email info@npgroup.ca. Enquiries regarding Salon Fundamentals books can be directed to MC College (306) 664-2474. When texts are being purchased, candidates should allow several weeks for delivery and several weeks for studying.

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