Barber
Provincial Proficiency Examination Information

Apprentice Requirements:	1 year and 1800 hours
Tradesperson Requirements:	1.5 years and 2700 hours
Practical Examination:	No

The Provincial Proficiency Examination for this trade is developed by a provincial committee of worker and employer representatives. The content for Examinations is drawn from the Saskatchewan Occupational Standard (SOS) for the trade 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 Proficiency Examination, you must either successfully complete an apprenticeship training program or meet tradesperson eligibility requirements. The pass mark is 70%.

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.

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Barber – Provincial Proficiency Examination Breakdown

A Provincial Proficiency 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 standard is divided into Major Work Activities (MWA), which are divided into Tasks, which are divided into Sub-tasks.

The Provincial Proficiency Examination has a certain number of questions assigned to these sections. The number of questions are provided below. For more information, see the full Saskatchewan Occupational Standard for this trade.

Total number of questions on the Provincial Proficiency examination – 100 questions*

Subject	Percent	Number of Questions
MWA A: Performs Common Occupational Skills	12%	
Task A-1: Performs safety related and hygienic functions		4
Task A-2: Uses tools and equipment		4
Task A-3: Prepares for client services		3
Task A-4: Uses communication and mentoring techniques		1
MWA B: Performs hair and scalp care	9%	
Task B-5: Analyzes and responds to hair and scalp conditions		5
Task B-6: Shampoos and conditions hair and scalp		4
MWA C: Cuts hair	39%	
Task C-7: Cuts diverse textures of hair using cutting tools		24
Task C-8: Cuts facial and nape hair		15
MWA D: Styles hair	13%	
Task D-9: Prepares and styles wet hair		6
Task D-10: Styles and finishes dry hair		7
MWA E: Alters hair colour	21%	
Task E-11: Colours hair		10
Task E-12: Lightens hair		11

MWA F: Performs salon operations	6%	
Task F-13: Performs front desk responsibilities		3
Task F-14: Establishes business fundamentals		3
TOTAL	100%	100

**The number of questions on a provincial examination, assigned to assess each major work activity 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 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.

- Cosmetology Fundamentals: A Designer's Approach to Career Success Course book and Study Guide
- Pivot Point Fundamentals 2016 International Including:
  - 106 Men's Sculpture/Cut ISBN 9781940593449
  - 108 Long Hair ISBN 9781940593463
- Pivot Point Fundamentals: Barbering 2018 Including:
  - 101B Life Skills ISBN 9781940593807
  - 102B Science ISBN 9781940593814
  - 103B Business ISBN 9781940593821
  - 104B Client Centered Design ISBN 9781940593838
  - 105B Foundational Cuts ISBN 9781940593845
  - 106B Tapered Cuts & Fades ISBN 9781940593852
  - 107B Style ISBN 9781940593869
  - 108B Shaving & Beard Design ISBN 9781940593876
  - 110B Colour ISBN 9781940593890
- Milady Standard Barbering 7th Edition & Milady Foundations Package 2026. ISBN 9798214080444
- Hair Structure and Chemistry Simplified Exam Review by Halal Milady Publishing Company ISBN 9781428335608
- Milady's Illustrated Cosmetology Dictionary 2001 Milady Publishing Company ISBN 9781562536671

- Milady's Standard Cosmetology Milady Publishing Company 2016 14th edition. ISBN 9780537378908
- Milady's Standard Cosmetology Exam Prep Milady Publishing Company 2016 14th edition. ISBN 9780537379103
- Salon Fundamentals Study Guide 2015 Pivot Point International Inc. ISBN 9781937964825 (Enquiries for this text can be directed to MC College 306-664-2474)

NOTE: Textbooks and professional reference material **are not** usually available from libraries. To purchase any Milady's books call The NP Group at 1-800-267-4247 or email npgroup@npgroup.ca. When texts are being purchased, candidates should allow several weeks for delivery and several weeks for studying.