Heavy Equipment Operator (Excavator)
Interprovincial Journeyperson Examination Information

Tradesperson Requirements:	3 years and 3600 hours
Practical Examination:	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 National Occupational Analysis (NOA) For that trade and is based on industry's standards and expectations. You can download and print a free copy of the NOA from the Red Seal website by visiting https://red-seal.ca/eng/trades/heo-excavator.shtml.

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 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 Red Seal Exam Preparation Guide document can be accessed through the Red Seal website at the following link: https://red-seal.ca/eng/resources/exam-prep-guide.shtml
- 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
- A trade specific skills assessment tool is available on the Red Seal website at the following link: https://red-seal.ca/eng/trades/heavyequipop_excavator/exam-information.shtml

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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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Heavy Equipment Operator (Excavator) - Red Seal Examination Breakdown

An Interprovincial Red Seal examination is based on the National Occupational Analysis (NOA) for the trade. The NOA describes the skills and knowledge required to perform the duties of the trade. Each standard is divided into Blocks (NOA), 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 National Occupational Analysis for this trade.

Total number of questions on the Interprovincial Red Seal examination – 100 questions*

Subject	Percent	Number of Questions
MWA A: Common Occupational Skills	23%	
Task A-1: Uses and maintains tools and equipment		6
Task A-2: Maintains safe work environment		9
Task A-3: Organizes work		8
MWA B: Heavy Equipment (Excavator) Inspection and Basic Maintenance	26%	
Task B-4: Performs scheduled maintenance		14
Task B-5: Performs inspections		12
MWA C: Heavy Equipment Operator (Excavator) Tasks	51%	
Task C-6: Performs basic heavy equipment operator (excavator) functions		17
Task C-7: Transports equipment		7
Task C-8: Operates excavators		27
Total	100%	100

**The number of questions on an interprovincial examination, assigned to assess each major work activity of the NOA, as derived from the collective input from workers within the trade across Canada.*

In Saskatchewan, Heavy Equipment Operator (Excavator) is a certification-only Red Seal trade and is available exclusively through the Tradesperson (Trades Qualifier) Route. An overview of the pathways to certification can be found at the following link: https://saskapprenticeship.ca/experienced-workers/

NOTE: Heavy Equipment Operator (Excavator) training is **not** offered through a technical training provider in Saskatchewan. Individuals may choose to consult trade resources they consider relevant to the trade; however, no official list of preparation materials is provided.