



RED SEAL EXAM

SELF-ASSESSMENT GUIDE

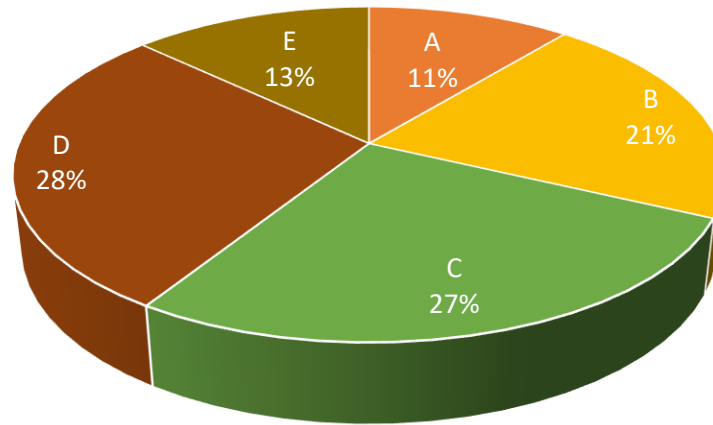
FLOORCOVERING INSTALLER



Red Seal Exam Weighting

This pie chart represents the distribution of questions on the Red Seal Exam. The self-assessment on the next pages shows the Tasks and Sub-tasks within each Block and the number of questions assigned to each Block and Task.




The Red Seal Exam for this trade has 150 questions.



| | Block / Exam Section | Percentage of Questions | Number of Questions out of 150 |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| A | Common Occupational Skills | 11% | 17 |
| B | Floor Preparation | 21% | 31 |
| C | Carpet | 27% | 40 |
| D | Resilient Flooring | 28% | 42 |
| E | Wood and Laminate Flooring | 13% | 20 |

Breakdown of Red Seal Exam Questions and Self-Assessment

Rate your own understanding and experience with each task. Look at the activities that make up each task and consider your experience with them of them when rating yourself. Be honest!

-  **LOW** I have **no or very little understanding or experience** in this activity
-  **MEDIUM** I **understand** this activity and have **some experience** doing it in **limited** situations
-  **HIGH** I have a **very good understanding** of this activity and am **fully competent** in doing it in **many** situations

This is not intended to accurately predict how you will actually do on the exam – there may be areas where you are over-confident or under-confident. But it should give you an idea of your strengths and weaknesses.

After you rate your own knowledge and experience as **LOW**, **MEDIUM** or **HIGH**, check how many questions there are and write down how many you think you will get correct.

LOW, you may not get many of those questions right.

MEDIUM, you might get some right.

HIGH, you expect to be able to get most of those questions right.

Comparing your scores with the number of questions on the exam will help you identify which areas you need to prepare the most. Add up your scores from each section to get an idea of your overall readiness for the exam.

| | ● LOW Understanding / Experience | ● MEDIUM Understanding / Experience | ● HIGH Understanding / Experience | Number of questions on the Red Seal exam | Based on your self-rating, how many of the questions do you think you will get correct? |
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| A - Common Occupational Skills | | | | | |
| 1 Performs safety-related functions 1.01 Uses personal protective equipment (PPE) and safety equipment. 1.02 Maintains safe work environment. 1.03 Maintains tools and equipment. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 | <hr/> |
| 2. Assesses floor and jobsite conditions. 2.01 Performs quality control. 2.02 Assesses floor and sub-floor conditions and deficiencies. 2.03 Conducts field tests. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 | <hr/> |
| 3. Organizes work. 3.01 Plans sequence of installation. 3.02 Handles material. 3.03 Determines layouts and materials needed for job. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 | <hr/> |

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| <p>4. Installs transitions, trims and wall bases. 4.01 Installs transitions and trims. 4.02 Installs resilient wall base. 4.03 Installs carpet wall base. 4.04 Installs wood wall base.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 | <input type="text"/> |
| <p>Total number of questions for this section:</p> | | | | 17 | <p>SUM OF YOUR EXPECTED CORRECT ANSWERS</p> <input type="text"/> |

| | ● LOW Understanding / Experience | ● MEDIUM Understanding / Experience | ● HIGH Understanding / Experience | Number of questions on the Red Seal exam | Based on your self-rating, how many of the questions do you think you will get correct? |
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| B - Floor Preparation | | | | | |
| 5. Removes existing floorcovering and accessories. 5.01 Removes transitions, trims and wall bases. 5.02 Removes carpet. 5.03 Removes resilient flooring. 5.04 Removes wood, laminate flooring and underlayment. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 11 | <input type="text"/> |
| 6. Prepares substrate. 6.01 Removes contaminants. 6.02 Prepares concrete floors and underlayment. 6.03 Prepares wood floors and underlayment. 6.04 Prepares specialty floors. 6.05 Installs trowelled underlayment. 6.06 Installs rigid underlayment panels. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 20 | <input type="text"/> |
| Total number of questions for this section: | | | | 31 | SUM OF YOUR EXPECTED CORRECT ANSWERS <input type="text"/> |

| | ● LOW Understanding / Experience | ● MEDIUM Understanding / Experience | ● HIGH Understanding / Experience | Number of questions on the Red Seal exam | Based on your self-rating, how many of the questions do you think you will get correct? |
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| C - Carpet | | | | | |
| 7. Installs carpet. 7.01 Cuts carpet for installation. 7.02 Installs carpet by conventional method. 7.03 Install carpets by direct glue-down method. 7.04 Installs carpet by double bond method. 7.05 Installs modular carpet tiles. 7.06 Completes carpet installation. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 22 | |
| 8. Performs custom carpet procedures. 8.01 Installs borders and insets. 8.02 Binds carpet. 8.03 Upholsters carpet. 8.04 Assembles area rugs and runners. 8.05 Installs carpet and runners on stairs. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 11 | |

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| 9. Installs artificial turf. (NOT COMMON CORE) 9.01 Establishes layout and grid lines for artificial turf. (NOT COMMON CORE) 9.02 Assembles artificial turf sections. (NOT COMMON CORE) 9.03 Installs artificial turf insets. (NOT COMMON CORE) 9.04 Completes artificial turf installation. (NOT COMMON CORE) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | <input type="text"/> |
| 10. Services carpet installations. 10.01 Repairs carpet installed by conventional method. 10.02 Repairs carpet installed by direct glue-down method. 10.03 Repairs carpet installed by double bond method. 10.04 Repairs artificial turf. (NOT COMMON CORE) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 | <input type="text"/> |
| Total number of questions for this section: | | | | 40 | SUM OF YOUR EXPECTED CORRECT ANSWERS <input type="text"/> |

| | ● LOW Understanding / Experience | ● MEDIUM Understanding / Experience | ● HIGH Understanding / Experience | Number of questions on the Red Seal exam | Based on your self-rating, how many of the questions do you think you will get correct? |
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| D - Resilient Flooring | | | | | |
| 11. Installs resilient flooring. 11.01 Establishes layout grid lines. 11.02 Installs resilient tiles. 11.03 Installs resilient sheet goods. 11.04 Installs conductive flooring components. 11.05 Cuts seams to fit. 11.06 Seals seams chemically. 11.07 Heat welds seams. 11.08 Completes resilient flooring installation. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 23 | |
| 12. Performs custom resilient flooring procedures. 12.01 Performs coving operations. 12.02 Installs tread, riser and stringer materials. 12.03 Installs resilient flooring on stairs. 12.04 Installs insets, borders and feature strips. 12.05 Installs specialty wall covering products. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 13 | |

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| 13. Services resilient flooring installations. 13.01 Performs resilient flooring repairs. 13.02 Repairs accessories. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 | <input type="text"/> |
| Total number of questions for this section: | | | | 42 | SUM OF YOUR EXPECTED CORRECT ANSWERS <input type="text"/> |

| | ● LOW Understanding / Experience | ● MEDIUM Understanding / Experience | ● HIGH Understanding / Experience | Number of questions on the Red Seal exam | Based on your self-rating, how many of the questions do you think you will get correct? |
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| E - Wood and Laminate Flooring | | | | | |
| 14. Installs pre-finished solid and engineered hardwood, and laminate flooring. 14.01 Undercuts jambs and trims. 14.02 Installs barriers and cushion. 14.03 Establishes layout. 14.04 Fits materials. 14.05 Nails down pre-finished solid and engineered hardwood flooring. 14.06 Glues down solid and engineered hardwood flooring. 14.07 Assembles floating floors. | □ | □ | □ | 9 | |
| 15. Installs custom wood and laminate flooring. 15.01 Installs borders, insets and custom fabrications in wood. 15.02 Installs wood and laminate flooring on stairs. | □ | □ | □ | 7 | |

| | ● LOW Understanding / Experience | ● MEDIUM Understanding / Experience | ● HIGH Understanding / Experience | Number of questions on the Red Seal exam | Based on your self-rating, how many of the questions do you think you will get correct? |
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| 16. Services pre finished solid and engineered hardwood, and laminate flooring. 16.01 Repairs boards. 16.02 Replaces boards and accessories. 16.03 Refinishes hardwood flooring. (NOT COMMON CORE) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 | |
| Total number of questions for this section: | | | | 20 | SUM OF YOUR EXPECTED CORRECT ANSWERS |
| Now, add up the totals you gave yourself for each section. | | | | TOTAL NUMBER OF QUESTIONS 150 | MY EXPECTED TOTAL |

Interpreting your Self-Assessment

What score did you give yourself?

Divide it by the number of questions to get a percentage.

The passing mark for the Red Seal exam is 70%. If you rated yourself higher than that overall, you feel pretty confident that your experience and knowledge in the trade are good enough for a pass. However, remember that this self-assessment is just a guide. We still encourage you to develop a study plan and to consider the areas where you rated yourself as less confident.

If your overall score is less than 70%, you might have more work to do. Look more closely at your scores section by section. What are the areas where you have the most to gain?

Look over the Red Seal Exam Preparation Guide for more advice.