



# **RED SEAL EXAM**

# **SELF-ASSESSMENT GUIDE**

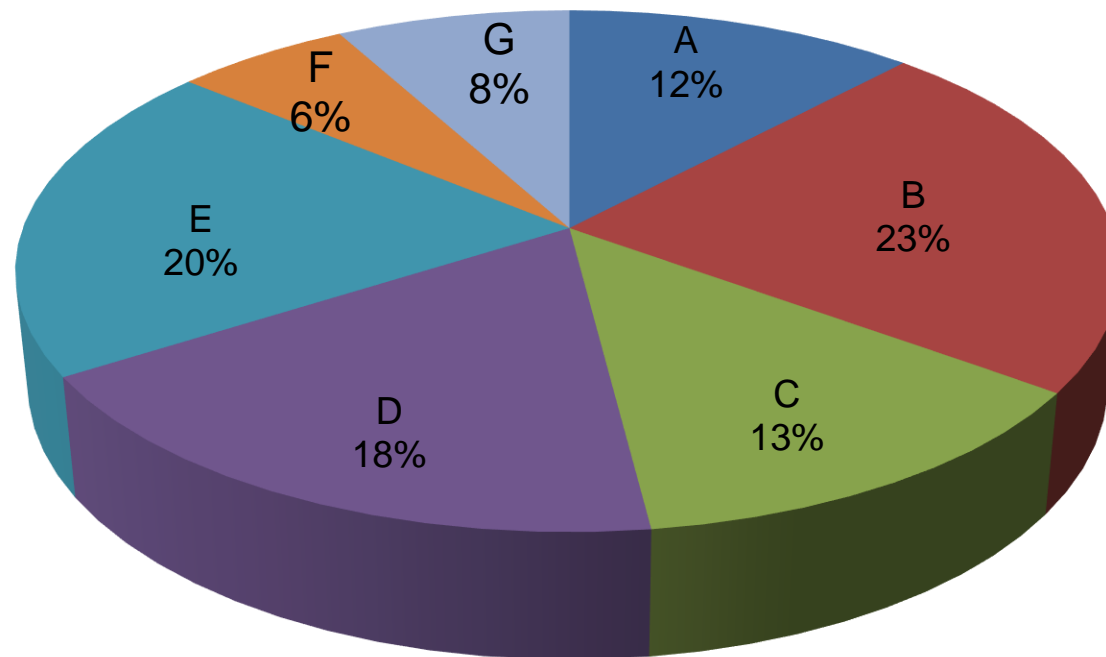
## **MACHINIST**



## 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 Major Work Activity and the number of questions assigned to each Major Work Activity and Task.




The Red Seal Exam for this trade has 135 questions.



	<b>Major Work Activity / Exam Section</b>	<b>Percentage of Questions</b>	<b>Number of Questions out of 135</b>
A	Performs Common Occupational Skills	9%	13
B	Performs Benchwork	8%	11
C	Machines Using Power Saws	6%	8
D	Machines Using Drill Presses	7%	9
E	Machines Using Conventional Lathes	21%	28
F	Machines Using Conventional Milling Machines	21%	28
G	Machines Using Precision Grinding Machines	8%	11
H	Machines Using Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Machines	20%	27

## 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!

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




	 <b>LOW</b> <b>Understanding</b> <b>/ Experience</b>	 <b>MEDIUM</b> <b>Understanding</b> <b>/ Experience</b>	 <b>HIGH</b> <b>Understanding</b> <b>/ Experience</b>	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?
<b>A – Performs Common Occupational Skills</b>					
Task A-1 Performs safety-related tasks 1.01 Maintains safe work environment 1.02 Uses personal protective equipment (PPE) and safety equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	<input type="text"/>
Task A-2 Organizes work 2.01 Interprets documentation 2.02 Plans sequence of operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	<input type="text"/>
Task A-3 Uses communication and mentoring techniques 3.01 Uses communication techniques 3.02 Uses mentoring techniques	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	<input type="text"/>




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Task A-4 Processes workpiece material 4.01 Selects workpiece material 4.02 Uses hoisting, lifting and rigging equipment 4.03 Marks workpiece for identification 4.04 Performs heat treatment 4.05 Performs quality control of workpiece 4.06 Deburrs workpiece 4.07 Sketches parts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	




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Task A-5 Maintains machines, tooling and inspection equipment 5.01 Cleans machines 5.02 Lubricates machines 5.03 Sharpens tooling 5.04 Applies cutting fluid and coolant 5.05 Troubleshoots equipment 5.06 Maintains machine alignment 5.07 Maintains inspection equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	
Total number of questions for this section:				<b>13</b>	SUM OF YOUR EXPECTED CORRECT ANSWERS <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>




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<b>B – Performs Benchwork</b>					
Task B-6 Performs hand processes 6.01 Performs layout 6.02 Saws workpiece 6.03 Files workpiece 6.04 Performs hole making operations 6.05 Performs threading operations 6.06 Installs thread inserts 6.07 Broaches workpiece 6.08 Performs pressing operations 6.09 Forms workpiece 6.10 Finishes workpiece	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8	
Task B-7 Refurbishes components 7.01 Disassembles components 7.02 Analyzes components 7.03 Assembles components	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	
Total number of questions for this section:				<b>11</b>	SUM OF YOUR EXPECTED CORRECT ANSWERS









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<b>C – Machines Using Power Saws</b>					
Task C-8 Sets up power saws 8.01 Selects power saw types 8.02 Selects saw blades 8.03 Installs saw blades 8.04 Selects power saw speeds and feeds 8.05 Makes power saw adjustments 8.06 Sets up workpiece on power saw	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	<input type="text"/>
Task C-9 Operates power saws 9.01 Saws straight and angle cuts 9.02 Cuts irregular shapes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	<input type="text"/>
Total number of questions for this section:				<b>8</b>	<input type="text"/>




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<b>D – Machines Using Drill Presses</b>					
Task D-10 Sets up drill presses 10.01 Selects drill press types 10.02 Plans operation of drill presses 10.03 Selects drill press speeds and feeds 10.04 Sets up jigs, fixtures and work holding devices for drill presses 10.05 Sets up tooling for drill presses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	<input type="text"/>
Task D-11 Operates drill presses 11.01 Drills holes using a drill press 11.02 Cuts countersinks, counterbores, chamfers and spot faces using a drill press 11.03 Performs tapping using a drill press 11.04 Finishes holes using a drill press	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	<input type="text"/>
Total number of questions for this section:				<b>9</b>	SUM OF YOUR EXPECTED CORRECT ANSWERS <input type="text"/>

	 <b>LOW</b> <b>Understanding</b> <b>/ Experience</b>	 <b>MEDIUM</b> <b>Understanding</b> <b>/ Experience</b>	 <b>HIGH</b> <b>Understanding</b> <b>/ Experience</b>	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?
<b>E – Machines Using Conventional Lathes</b>					
Task E-12 Sets up conventional lathes 12.01 Selects conventional lathe types 12.02 Plans operation of conventional lathes 12.03 Sets up work holding devices for conventional lathes 12.04 Sets up tooling for conventional lathes 12.05 Sets up conventional lathe accessories 12.06 Sets up workpiece on conventional lathe 12.07 Selects conventional lathe speeds and feeds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	14	

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Task E-13 Operates conventional lathes 13.01 Faces surfaces using a conventional lathe 13.02 Turns external surfaces using a conventional lathe 13.03 Drills using a conventional lathe 13.04 Bores holes using a conventional lathe 13.05 Reams holes using a conventional lathe 13.06 Turns tapers using a conventional lathe 13.07 Knurls using a conventional lathe 13.08 Cuts grooves using a conventional lathe 13.09 Cuts threads using a conventional lathe 13.10 Parts off workpiece using a conventional lathe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	14	<input type="text"/>
Total number of questions for this section:				<b>28</b>	SUM OF YOUR EXPECTED CORRECT ANSWERS <input type="text"/>




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<b>F – Machines Using Conventional Milling Machines</b>					
Task F-14 Sets up conventional milling machines 14.01 Selects conventional milling machine types 14.02 Plans operation of milling machines 14.03 Sets up work holding devices for conventional milling machines 14.04 Sets up tooling for conventional milling machines 14.05 Sets up milling accessories 14.06 Sets up workpiece on a conventional milling machine 14.07 Selects conventional milling machine speeds and feeds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	15	




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Task F-15 Operates conventional milling machines 15.01 Mills surfaces using a conventional milling machine 15.02 Mills profiles and pockets using a conventional milling machine 15.03 Mills slots, grooves and keyways using a conventional milling machine 15.04 Cuts gears and splines using a conventional milling machine 15.05 Drills holes using a conventional milling machine 15.06 Reams holes using a conventional milling machine 15.07 Cuts countersinks, counterbores, chamfers and spot faces using a conventional milling machine 15.08 Performs tapping using a conventional milling machine 15.09 Bores holes using a conventional milling machine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	13	
Total number of questions for this section:				<b>28</b>	SUM OF YOUR EXPECTED CORRECT ANSWERS <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>

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<b>G – Machines Using Precision Grinding Machines</b>					
Task G-16 Sets up precision grinding machines 16.01 Selects precision grinding machine types 16.02 Plans operation of grinding machines 16.03 Sets up work holding devices for precision grinding machines 16.04 Mounts grinding wheel 16.05 Sets up grinding accessories 16.06 Sets up workpiece on precision grinding machines 16.07 Selects precision grinding machine speeds and feeds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	





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<b>H – Machines Using Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Machines</b>					
Task H-18 Performs CNC programming 18.01 Creates process documentation 18.02 Creates manual input program 18.03 Transfers program to and from control memory 18.04 Optimizes program 18.05 Creates 2D and 3D models 18.06 Programs using computer-aided manufacturing (CAM)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12	<input type="text"/>
Task H-19 Sets up CNC machines 19.01 Selects tooling and tool holders for CNC machines 19.02 Sets up tooling and tool holders on CNC machines 19.03 Sets up workpieces on CNC machines 19.04 Establishes work datum 19.05 Verifies program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8	<input type="text"/>

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Task H-20 Operates CNC machines 20.01 Adjusts offsets 20.02 Monitors machining processes 20.03 Interrupts program cycle 20.04 Restarts program cycle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7	<input type="text"/>
Total number of questions for this section:				<b>27</b>	SUM OF YOUR EXPECTED CORRECT ANSWERS <input type="text"/>
Now, add up the totals you gave yourself for each section.				TOTAL NUMBER OF QUESTIONS 135	MY EXPECTED TOTAL <input type="text"/>

## 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.