

THE RED SEAL PROGRAM

THE CANADIAN STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR SKILLED TRADES



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What is the Red Seal Program?

The Red Seal Program is the Canadian standard of excellence for skilled trades. The Red Seal, when affixed to a provincial or territorial trade certificate, indicates that a tradesperson has demonstrated the knowledge required for the national standard in that trade. The Red Seal endorsement promotes excellence to employers, instills pride in skilled workers, and facilitates labour mobility.

Why is the Red Seal important?

The Red Seal is evidence a journeyman is qualified to do their job. This endorsement facilitates recognition of trade certification across Canada.

What are the benefits of a Red Seal?

The Red Seal provides confidence to both employers and consumers that a tradesperson is skilled and knowledgeable. It is widely recognized and respected by the trades industry across Canada and internationally. A Red Seal endorsement is an employment advantage that opens the door to job opportunities, higher wages, sustaining employment, and career advancement.

The Red Seal Program is administered in each province and territory under the guidance of the Canadian Council of Directors of Apprenticeship (CCDA).

Red Seal Designated Trades

- Agricultural Equipment Technician
- Appliance Service Technician
- Auto Body and Collision Technician
- Automotive Refinishing Technician
- Automotive Service Technician
- Baker
- Boilermaker
- Bricklayer
- Cabinetmaker
- Carpenter
- Concrete Finisher
- Construction Craft Worker
- Construction Electrician
- Cook
- Drywall Finisher and Plasterer
- Floorcovering Installer
- Gasfitter – Class A
- Gasfitter – Class B
- Glazier
- Hairstylist
- Heavy Duty Equipment Technician
- Heavy Equipment Operator (Dozer)
- Heavy Equipment Operator (Excavator)
- Heavy Equipment Operator (Tractor-Loader-Backhoe)
- Industrial Electrician
- Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)
- Instrumentation and Control Technician
- Insulator (Heat and Frost)
- Ironworker (Generalist)
- Ironworker (Reinforcing)
- Ironworker (Structural/Ornamental)
- Landscape Horticulturist
- Lather (Interior Systems Mechanic)
- Machinist
- Metal Fabricator (Fitter)
- Mobile Crane Operator
- Motorcycle Technician
- Oil Heat System Technician
- Painter and Decorator
- Parts Technician
- Plumber
- Powerline Technician
- Recreation Vehicle Service Technician
- Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic
- Rig Technician
- Roofer
- Sheet Metal Worker
- Sprinkler Fitter
- Steamfitter/Pipefitter
- Tiler
- Tool and Die Maker
- Tower Crane Operator
- Transport Trailer Technician
- Truck and Transport Mechanic
- Welder

Not all of the trades listed above are Red Seal designated in all provinces and territories. Contact your local apprenticeship office to learn more about which of these trades are designated as Red Seal in your province/territory.

How to obtain a Red Seal

To obtain a Red Seal endorsement, a candidate must pass the Red Seal examination administered by a provincial/territorial apprenticeship authority. Red Seal examinations are trade-specific and cover the skills and knowledge required in the trade. The examinations are used to determine whether apprentices and tradespersons meet the Canadian standard. To qualify to write a Red Seal examination, a tradesperson must have completed one of the following:

- Graduated from a recognized provincial or territorial apprenticeship training program;
- Obtained a journeyman level Certificate of Qualification from a province or territory; or
- Provided confirmation of the requisite time and experience working in a Red Seal trade.

Red Seal Partners

The Red Seal Program is a partnership between the Government of Canada, the provinces and territories, with the participation from Canada's skilled trades industry. Each province and territory administers the program through their apprenticeship and certification authorities.

Ask for the Red Seal

Journeymen can show their Red Seal endorsement on their certificate of qualification with pride. They may also use the professional acronym RSE after their name on their business cards to indicate their Red Seal Endorsement.

For more information, visit the Red Seal website, www.red-seal.ca or contact your provincial/territorial apprenticeship authority.



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