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A PASSPORT
TO MOBILITY
IN THE TRADES



What is the Interprovincial Standards Red Seal Program?

The Interprovincial Standards Red Seal Program (also known as the Red Seal Program) forms a partnership between the provincial, territorial and federal governments. Its goal is to provide skilled workers mobility across Canada by encouraging the standardization of training and certification programs.

Why was the Red Seal Program created?

Under the terms of the Canadian Constitution, each province and territory has responsibility for apprenticeship training and certification of skilled workers at the journeyman level. This has resulted in variations in provincial and territorial legislation, thus creating differences within training program content and certification standards.

How is the Red Seal Program helping Canadians?

Red Seal certified workers can work anywhere in Canada where their trade is designated. They have qualified by passing industry-developed interprovincial examinations that are based upon nationally validated occupational analyses.

How does the Red Seal Program work?

In Red Seal trades, completing apprentices and holders of provincial or territorial Certificates of Qualification may apply to write an interprovincial examination. If they succeed, they receive a distinctive Red Seal, which is attached to their Certificate of Qualification. This is why the program is often referred to as the Red Seal Program. In some cases the Red Seal is also attached to wallet identification cards and to completion of apprenticeship certificates.



THE RED SEAL DESIGNATED TRADES ARE:

- Agricultural Equipment Technician
- Appliance Service Technician
- Automotive Painter
- Automotive Service Technician
- Baker
- Boilermaker
- Bricklayer
- Cabinetmaker
- Carpenter
- Concrete Finisher
- Construction Craft Worker
- Construction Electrician
- Cook
- Electric Motor System Technician
- Floorcovering Installer
- Glazier
- Hairstylist
- Heavy Duty Equipment Technician
- Heavy Equipment Operator
- 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 Mechanic
- Motor Vehicle Body Repairer (Metal and Paint)
- Oil Heat System Technician
- Painter and Decorator
- Partsperson
- Plumber
- Powerline Technician
- Recreation Vehicle Service Technician
- Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic
- Rig Technician
- Roofer
- Sheet Metal Worker
- Sprinkler System Installer
- Steamfitter/Pipefitter
- Tiler
- Tool and Die Maker
- Tower Crane Operator
- Transport Trailer Technician
- Truck and Transport Mechanic
- Welder

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

How to obtain a Red Seal?

An Interprovincial Standards Red Seal can be obtained in the listed trades by:

- 1** graduating from a recognized provincial or territorial apprenticeship training program;
- or
- C** having the time and experience working in a Red Seal trade assessed to qualify to write the Red Seal examination.
- or
- B** obtaining a journeyman level Certificate of Qualification from a province or territory;
- and
- 2** passing the Interprovincial Standards Red Seal Examination for that trade.



When moving from one province or territory to another, is it necessary for Red Seal holders to write a new examination?

If the trade is designated Red Seal in the new province or territory there is no requirement to write any further examinations to obtain a certificate from that province or territory. In some jurisdictions, it might be necessary to pay a fee to obtain the required Certificate of Qualification.

Labour mobility is essential for the Canadian workforce. For skilled tradespeople, the Red Seal is the recognized passport to mobility in trades across Canada. If you are a tradesperson and wish to relocate, you are encouraged to contact your local apprenticeship office for information. See the provincial and territorial contact details herein.



NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR:

Telephone: 1-709-729-2350
Web site: <http://www.ed.gov.nl.ca/app/>

NOVA SCOTIA:

Telephone: 1-902-424-5651
or Toll Free: 1-800-494-5651 (Nova Scotia only)
Web site: <http://nsapprenticeship.ca/>

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND:

Telephone: 1-902-368-4640
Web site: <http://www.apprenticeship.pe.ca>

NEW BRUNSWICK:

Telephone: 1-506-453-2260
Web site: <http://www.gnb.ca/0381/index-e.asp>

QUEBEC:

Telephone: (Toll Free) 1-866-393-0067
Web site: http://emploi.quebec.net/guide_qualif/certification-interprovinciale/index.asp (Website in French only)

ONTARIO:

Telephone: 1-416-326-1600
or Toll Free: 1-800-387-5514 (Ontario only)
Web site: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca>

MANITOBA:

Telephone: 1-204-945-3337
or Toll Free: 1-877-978-7233 (Manitoba only)
Web site: <http://www.manitoba.ca/tradecareers>



SASKATCHEWAN:

Telephone: 1-306-787-2444
or Toll Free: 1-877-363-0536 (Saskatchewan only)
Web site: <http://www.saskapprenticeship.ca>

ALBERTA:

Telephone: 1-780-427-8517 ext. 4
Web site: <http://www.tradesecrets.gov.ab.ca>

BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Telephone: 1-778-328-8700
or Toll Free: 1-866-660-6011 (British Columbia only)
Web site: <http://www.itabc.ca>

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES:

Telephone: 1-867-733-7552
Web site: <http://www.ecg.gov.nt.ca>

YUKON:

Telephone: 1-867-667-5133
or Toll Free: 1-800-661-0408 (Yukon only)
Web site: <http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/>

NUNAVUT:

Telephone: 1-867-857-3050
Web site: <http://www.edu.gov.nu.ca/>

HRSDC / CANADA:

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