

## PROGRAM UPDATE

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**Trade: Bricklayer**

**To:** SkilledTradesBC Training Providers  
Articulation Chair  
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**Subject:** **Bricklayer Interprovincial Exams aligned to the 2021 RSOS will be implemented**

**From:** SkilledTradesBC Program Standards

**Effective Date:** November 15, 2023

**Summary:** Interprovincial (IP) exams aligned to the 2021 **Bricklayer** Red Seal Occupational Standard (RSOS) will be implemented by SkilledTradesBC as of November 15, 2023. Candidates who write a Bricklayer IP exam on or after November 15, 2023 will receive an exam aligned to the 2021 RSOS. Candidates will receive a National Building Code of Canada, Part 9 (Volume 2) – 2020.

IP Table: The IP table can be found at <https://skilledtradesbc.ca/bricklayer>



**Bricklayer**  
Inter-provincial examinations – Tasks and related number of questions  
Number of questions on each exam - 125

*Based on 2021 RSOS*

Major Work Activity	Task	Number of Questions
A – PERFORMS COMMON OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS	Task 1 - Performs safety-related functions	3
	Task 2 - Uses and maintains tools and equipment	3
	Task 3 - Uses scaffolding	3
	Task 4 - Organizes work	3
	Task 5 - Uses communication and mentoring techniques	2
B – PERFORMS GENERAL MASONRY PRACTICES	Task 6 - Performs substrate preparation	7
	Task 7 - Performs fundamental masonry tasks	10
	Task 8 - Uses mortars, grouts and adhesives	7
C – BUILDS MASONRY SYSTEMS	Task 9 - Builds masonry walls	12
	Task 10 - Builds horizontal masonry surfaces	6
	Task 11 - Builds and installs prefabricated masonry	3
	Task 12 - Installs surface-bonded masonry units	6
D – BUILDS NATURAL STONE SYSTEMS	Task 13 - Builds natural stone walls	7
	Task 14 - Performs mechanically-fastened natural stone cladding procedures	6
E – BUILDS CHIMNEYS AND FIREPLACES	Task 15 - Builds chimneys	7
	Task 16 - Builds fireplaces	6
F – INSTALLS REFRACTORIES AND CORROSION RESISTANT MATERIALS	Task 17 - Installs and maintains refractories	6
	Task 18 - Installs and maintains corrosion resistant materials	4
G – PERFORMS RESTORATION	Task 19 - Rebuilds masonry work	8
	Task 20 - Repairs and cleans existing masonry work	6
H – PERFORMS ADDITIONAL MASONRY	Task 21 - Installs glass blocks	2
	Task 22 - Installs ornamental and sculpted masonry	2
	Task 23 - Builds arches	6
		<b>125</b>

**Details:** The Interprovincial Red Seal exam is a summative assessment intended to test an apprentice's trade knowledge gained through both on-the-job experience and technical training. Exam questions are developed by certified trade worker subject matter experts (SMEs) as well as instructors and are intended to reflect trade practices in Canada. The exams are edited, translated, and peer reviewed by additional SMEs before they are implemented. The exams are developed to test the sub-tasks of the most recent Red Seal Occupational Standard.

The Bricklayer 2021 RSOS can be downloaded here: <https://www.red-seal.ca/eng/trades/bricklayers/2022-overview.shtml>

A comparative analysis of the sub-task changes from the previous standard can be found on the SkilledTradesBC trade page (<https://skilledtradesbc.ca/bricklayer>).

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