

## OFFICIAL PROGRAM STANDARDS NOTICE (OPSN)

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**Program(s):** Automotive Service Technician

**To:** SkilledTradesBC Training Providers  
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**Subject:** AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNICIAN (AST) Interprovincial Exams aligned to the 2023 RSOS will be implemented

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**Summary:** Interprovincial (IP) exams aligned to the 2023 **AST** Red Seal Occupational Standard (RSOS) will be implemented by SkilledTradesBC as of January 1, 2026. Candidates who write an **AST** IP exam on or after January 1, 2026, will receive an exam aligned to the 2023 RSOS.

**IP Table:** The IP table can be found at [Automotive Service Technician | SkilledTradesBC](https://www.skilledtradesbc.ca/automotive-service-technician)



### Automotive Service Technician

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

Based on 2023 RSOS

Major Work Activity	Task	Number of Questions
A – PERFORMS COMMON OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS	Task 1 – Performs safety-related functions Task 2 – Uses tools, equipment and documentation Task 3 – Uses communication and mentoring techniques	9 4 5 0
B – DIAGNOSES AND REPAIRS ENGINE AND ENGINE SUPPORT SYSTEMS	Task 4 – Diagnoses engine systems Task 5 – Repairs engine systems Task 6 – Diagnoses gasoline engine support systems Task 7 – Repairs gasoline engine support systems Task 8 – Diagnoses diesel engine support systems Task 9 – Repairs diesel engine support systems	22 4 4 5 4 3 2
C – DIAGNOSES AND REPAIRS VEHICLE MODULE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS	Task 10 – Diagnoses vehicle networking systems Task 11 – Repairs vehicle networking systems	12 8 4
D – DIAGNOSES AND REPAIRS DRIVELINE SYSTEMS	Task 12 – Diagnoses driveline systems Task 13 – Repairs driveline systems	17 10 7
E – DIAGNOSES AND REPAIRS ELECTRICAL AND COMFORT CONTROL SYSTEMS	Task 14 – Diagnoses electrical systems and components Task 15 – Repairs electrical systems and components Task 16 – Diagnoses heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) and comfort control systems Task 17 – Repairs heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) and comfort control systems	23 8 6 5 4
F – DIAGNOSES AND REPAIRS STEERING, SUSPENSION, BRAKING AND CONTROL SYSTEMS, TIRES, HUBS AND WHEEL BEARINGS	Task 18 – Diagnoses steering, suspension, braking and control systems, tires, wheels, hubs and wheel bearings Task 19 – Repairs steering, suspension, braking and control systems, tires, wheels, hubs and wheel bearings	23 13 10
G – DIAGNOSES AND REPAIRS RESTRAINT SYSTEMS, BODY COMPONENTS, ACCESSORIES AND TRIMS	Task 20 – Diagnoses restraint systems, body components, accessories and trim Task 21 – Repairs restraint systems, body components, accessories and trim	10 6 4
H – DIAGNOSES AND REPAIRS HYBRID AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) SYSTEMS	Task 22 – Diagnoses hybrid and electric vehicle (EV) systems Task 23 – Repairs hybrid and electric vehicle (EV) systems	9 5 4
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**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 AST 2023 RSOS can be [downloaded here](#).

A comparative analysis of the sub-task changes from the previous standard can be found on the SkilledTradesBC [trade page](#).

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