

OFFICIAL PROGRAM STANDARDS NOTICE

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Program(s): **Tilesetter**

To: SkilledTradesBC Training Providers
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Subject: **TILESETTER Interprovincial Exams aligned to the 2023 RSOS will be implemented**

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Summary: Interprovincial (IP) exams aligned to the 2023 **Tilesetter** Red Seal Occupational Standard (RSOS) will be implemented by SkilledTradesBC as of January 19, 2026. Candidates who write a **Tilesetter** IP exam on or after January 19, 2026, will receive an exam aligned to the 2023 RSOS.

IP Table: The IP table can be found at [Tilsetter | SkilledTradesBC](#)



Tilsetter

Inter-provincial examinations – Tasks and related number of questions
Number of questions on each exam - 100

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 and maintains tools and equipment Task 3 – Organizes work	12 4 4 4
B – PREPARES SUBSTRATES	Task 4 – Removes existing finishes Task 5 – Evaluates and prepares surface Task 6 – Installs specialty products	15 4 7 4
C – PREPARES LAYOUTS	Task 7 – Lays out work area Task 8 – Evaluates joints	21 16 5
D – PREPARES MATERIALS	Task 9 – Inspects materials Task 10 – Prepares material for installation Task 11 – Mixes materials	14 3 6 5
E – SETS MATERIALS	Task 12 – Installs tiles Task 13 – Installs stone slabs Task 14 – Pours terrazzo mixture	24 13 7 4
F – FINISHES MATERIALS	Task 15 – Finishes installed product Task 16 – Finishes terrazzo and stone	14 9 5
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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 **Tilsetter** 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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