



## **CONCRETE FINISHER**

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### **Occupation Description**

Concrete finishers place, finish, protect and repair concrete surfaces. They work on a variety of vertical and horizontal surfaces such as concrete floors, walls, sidewalks, stairs, driveways, curbs and gutters, and overlays. They work on many types of structures such as buildings, dams, bridges and tunnels. They also texture, chip, grind and cure finished concrete work and repair and restore damaged concrete. They apply architectural finishes to concrete surfaces such as exposed aggregate, acid-stained, patterned-stamped, broomed, smooth finishes and etched concrete surfaces. They install expansion and contraction joints and install fixtures such as anchor bolts, steel plates and other embedments. They also apply membranes and other waterproofing products to concrete. Concrete finishers must possess a sound knowledge of the properties of various types of concrete mixes and how proportions, additives and curing affect concrete strength and durability. Concrete finishers should have a basic knowledge of constructing formwork, preparing subgrades and installing reinforcement.

For detailed information on the scope of knowledge and skills taught and assessed in this program refer to the Program Outline, available on the SkilledTradesBC website.

### **Pathways to Certification**

In BC, an individual can become certified as a Concrete Finisher by completing the Concrete Finisher program or by challenging the certification. Apprenticeship programs are for individuals who have an employer to sponsor them and challenge programs are for individuals who have extensive experience working in the occupation and wish to challenge the certification.

Youth can begin an apprenticeship in high school through the Youth Train in Trades or Youth Work in Trades programs. The Youth Work in Trades program is available for any trade if an employer is willing to sponsor the student. Trades offered through the Youth Train in Trades vary by region; contact your local school district to find out which technical training programs are being offered through the Youth Train in Trades program in your region.

### **Recommended and/or Required Education**

The following education is **recommended** for apprentices entering this occupation. These are not prerequisites, but rather a desired level of skill or knowledge that will contribute to success in the industry.

- Grade 10 or equivalent including English 10, Mathematics 10 and Science 10
- Preferred Grade 12

### **SkilledTradesBC Registration**

Individuals who wish to begin an apprenticeship in this program must register with SkilledTradesBC along with their sponsor. Application forms for all programs are available from the SkilledTradesBC website. Online registration is also available for most programs through the SkilledTradesBC website.

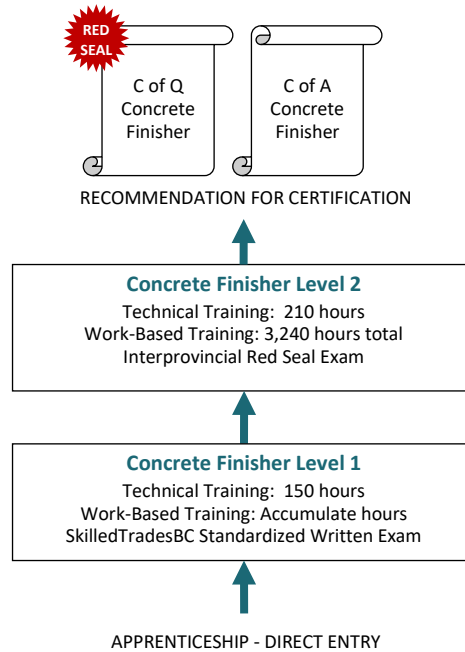
Those who wish to challenge the Concrete Finisher certification must complete the Concrete Finisher Challenge Application and submit it to SkilledTradesBC. Challenge applications are assessed for proof of workplace hours and scope of experience prior to acceptance of the individual into the Challenge pathway.



## Apprenticeship Pathway

This graphic provides an overview of the Concrete Finisher apprenticeship pathway.

*C of Q = Certificate of Qualification  
C of A = Certificate of Apprenticeship  
WBT = Work-Based Training*



### CROSS-PROGRAM CREDITS

*Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are entitled to receive partial credit toward the completion requirements of this program*

None



**Apprenticeship Program Standards**

**Credentials Awarded**

- Concrete Finisher – Certificate of Qualification with Red Seal endorsement
- Concrete Finisher – Certificate of Apprenticeship

**SkilledTradesBC  
Registration Prerequisites**

- Agreement signed by the employer to sponsor the apprentice

**Completion Requirements** Certification as a Concrete Finisher is awarded upon successful completion of:

<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Level of Achievement Required</b>
Technical Training	Minimum 70% in each level of technical training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Level 1: 150 hours and SkilledTradesBC standardized written exam</li> <li>▪ Level 2: 210 hours</li> </ul>
Interprovincial Red Seal Exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Minimum 70%</li> </ul>
Work-Based Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3,240 hours</li> </ul>
Recommendation for Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recommendation for certification signed by the Sponsor and an individual holding credentials eligible for sign-off authority</li> </ul>

**Program Duration**

Duration varies depending on how training is delivered, but the program generally takes 2 years to complete.

The technical training requirement is typically met through block-release training (full-time, at school) delivered by a SkilledTradesBC-approved training provider. It can also be met through approved alternative training models (e.g., distance education, online, part-time) and/or level challenge where these options are available.

**Sign-off Authority**

Credentials eligible to sign-off on the Recommendation for Certification:

- Concrete Finisher – Certificate of Qualification
- Cement Mason – Certificate of Qualification
- Concrete Finisher – Interprovincial Red Seal endorsement
- SkilledTradesBC-issued letter authorizing supervision and sign-off of apprentices in this occupation

**Challenging a Level**

The following levels of technical training can be challenged for advanced placement in this program

- Level**
- Level 1

**Cross-Program Credits**

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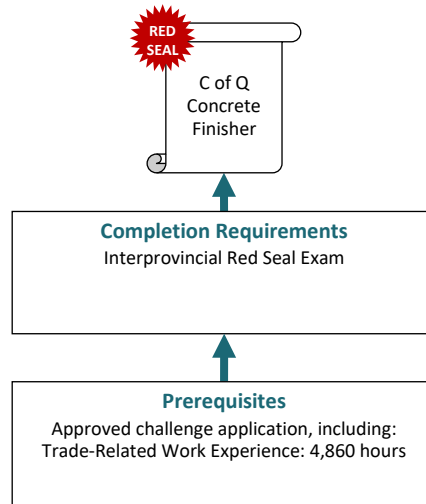
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None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ None</li> </ul>



**Challenge Pathway**

This graphic provides an overview of the Concrete Finisher challenge pathway.

*C of Q = Certificate of Qualification*



**CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING**

*Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are entitled to receive partial credit toward the completion requirements of this program*

None

**Challenge Program Standards**

<b>Credentials Awarded</b>	Concrete Finisher – Certificate of Qualification with Red Seal endorsement				
<b>SkilledTradesBC Registration Prerequisites</b>	An approved Challenge Application, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4,860 documented hours of directly related experience working in the occupation</li> </ul>				
<b>Credit for Prior Learning</b>	Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are considered to have met, or partially met, the prerequisites for challenging this program: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Credential</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Credit(s) Granted</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>None</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Credential	Credit(s) Granted	None	
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## Supporting Documents

Concrete Finisher Program Outline (2017) – Defines the full scope of knowledge and skills required to competently perform the occupation in BC, and is available on the SkilledTradesBC website.

Concrete Finisher Red Seal Occupational Standard (2017) – Prepared by industry experts, under the guidance of the federal government, for Red Seal trades to define the national standard of competence for the trade. Available from the Red Seal website: [www.red-seal.ca](http://www.red-seal.ca).

## Contacts

SkilledTradesBC manages B.C.'s industry training and apprenticeship programs. Contact SkilledTradesBC Customer service if you have any questions regarding registration, examinations or certification for this program.

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Website:	<a href="http://www.skilledtradesbc.ca">www.skilledtradesbc.ca</a>		

## Revision History

The standards for this program were reviewed and/or updated on the dates below.

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