



GASFITTER – CLASS A

Occupation Description

Gasfitters – Class A design, install, test, adjust, maintain and repair lines, appliances, equipment and accessories in various sectors. Fuels may include natural gas, manufactured gas, liquefied petroleum gas, digester gas, landfill gas, biogas or a mixture or dilution of any of these gases and Hydrogen and fuel oils. Appliances and equipment include those exceeding 400 000 Btuh (British Thermal Units per hour) or 120 kW (kilowatts) such as boilers, burners, makeup air units, furnaces, process burners, and various other gas-fired equipment.

For detailed information on the scope of knowledge and the 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 Gasfitter – Class A by completing the Gasfitter - Class A program or by challenging the Red Seal 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.

Note: SkilledTradesBC is responsible for administering the apprenticeship for Gasfitter – Class A Certificate of Qualification and Red Seal Endorsement. Technical Safety BC is responsible for regulating the Gasfitter – Class A Certificate of Qualification (license). Please refer to the Technical Safety BC web site - <https://www.technicalsafetync.ca> for information on the Certificate of Qualification examination requirements.

Recommended 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 12 diploma including:
 - English 12,
 - Math 11 (Applications of Math 11 or Principles of Math 11), and
 - Physics 11

Due to the high level of skill required in Math and Physics for the Gasfitter – Class A program, industry and instructors **strongly advise apprentices to upgrade their Math and Physics skills** prior to registration for technical training in this program.

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.

Skilled Trades Certification

Trade workers in a trade designated as Skilled Trades Certification (STC) are required to hold certification in the trade, be registered as an apprentice, or have an approved Temporary Authorization. More information can be found at www.skilledtradesbc.ca

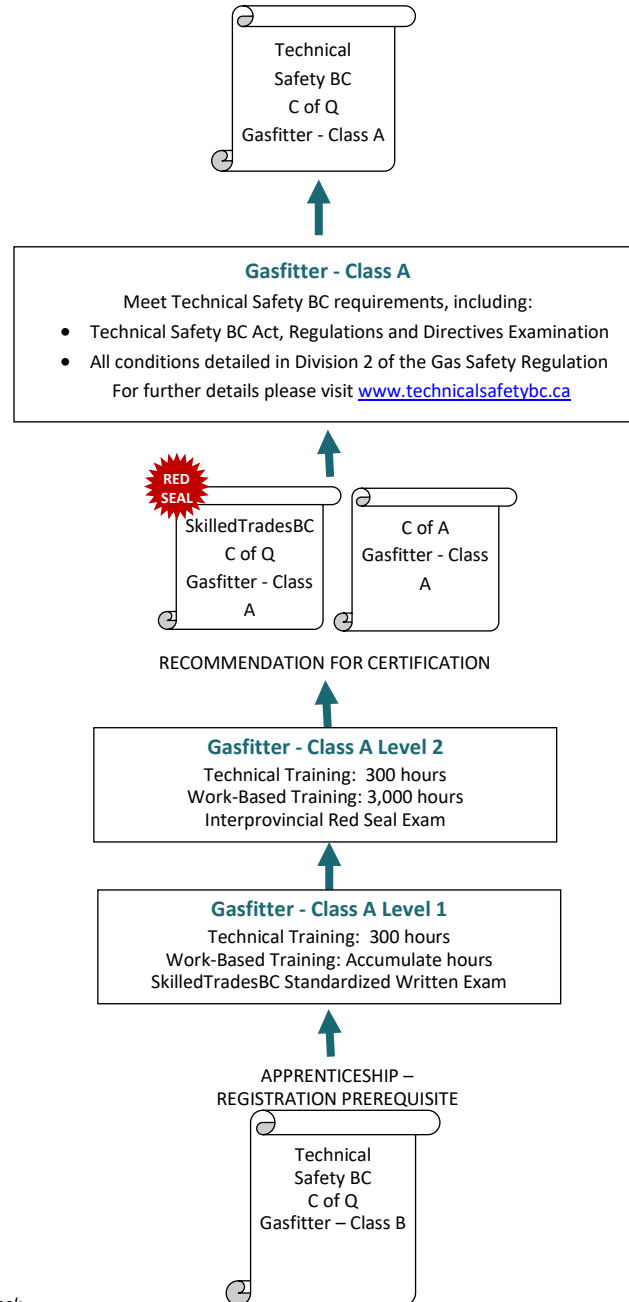


Apprenticeship Pathway

This graphic provides an overview of the Gasfitter – Class A apprenticeship pathway.

Gasfitter – Class A

*SkilledTradesBC = SkilledTradesBC
C of Q = Certificate of Qualification
C of A = Certificate of Apprenticeship
Technical Safety BC, C of Q = License
WBT = Work-Based Training*



**Suggested duration based on 30-hour week*

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

- Gasfitter – Class A – SkilledTradesBC Certificate of Qualification with Red Seal endorsement
- Gasfitter – Class A – Certificate of Apprenticeship

SkilledTradesBC Registration Prerequisites

- Agreement signed by the employer to sponsor the apprentice
- Technical Safety BC (formerly BCSCA) Gasfitter – Class B Certificate of Qualification (license)

Completion Requirements The Certificate of Qualification with Red Seal Endorsement for Gasfitter – Class A is awarded upon successful completion of:

Requirement	Level of Achievement Required
Technical Training	Minimum 70% in each level of technical training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Level 1: 300 hours and SkilledTradesBC standardized written exam ▪ Level 2: 300 hours
Interprovincial Red Seal Exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minimum 70%
Work-Based Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3,000 hours
Recommendation for Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recommendation for certification signed by the Sponsor and an individual holding credentials eligible for sign-off authority

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 and Technical Safety BC approved training provider. It can also be met through approved alternative training models (e.g., distance education, online, and/or part-time) where these options are available and approved by Technical Safety BC.

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

- Gasfitter – Class A – Technical Safety (formerly BCSCA) Certificate of Qualification (license)

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

Level

- None

Skilled Trades Certification Supervision Ratio The ratio of apprentice to journey person is 2:1.

Cross-Program Credits Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are entitled to receive partial credit toward the completion requirements of this program

Credential

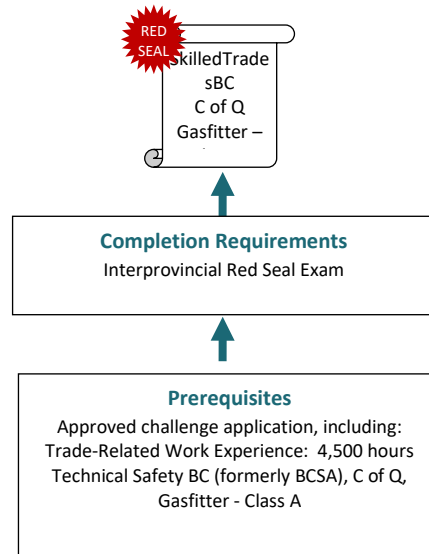
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Challenge Pathway

This graphic provides an overview of the Gasfitter – Class A challenge pathway.

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C of Q = Certificate of Qualification
Technical Safety BC (TSBC) C of Q = License*



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

Credentials Awarded Gasfitter – Class A – SkilledTradesBC Certificate of Qualification with Interprovincial Red Seal endorsement

SkilledTradesBC Registration Prerequisites An approved Challenge Application, which includes:

- 4,500 documented hours of directly related experience working in the occupation
- Technical Safety BC, (formerly BCSCA) Gasfitter – Class A Certificate of Qualification (license)

Credit for Prior Learning None

Completion Requirements	Requirement	Level of Achievement Required
	Interprovincial Red Seal Exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minimum 70%



Supporting Documents

Gasfitter - Class A Program Outline (2020) – Defines the full scope of knowledge and skills required to competently perform the occupation in BC. Available from the SkilledTradesBC website.

Gasfitter – Class A National Occupational Analysis (2014) – 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.

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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Revision History

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