

PROGRAM UPDATE

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Trade: PAINTER AND DECORATOR

To: SkilledTradesBC Training Providers
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Subject: **PAINTER AND DECOATOR Interprovincial Exams aligned to the 2021 RSOS will be implemented**

From: SkilledTradesBC Program Standards

Effective Date: **November 15, 2024**

Summary: Interprovincial (IP) exams aligned to the 2021 **Painter and Decorator** Red Seal Occupational Standard (RSOS) will be implemented by SkilledTradesBC as of **November 15, 2024**. Candidates who write a **Painter and Decorator** IP exam on or after **November 15, 2024** will receive an exam aligned to the 2021 RSOS.

IP Table: The IP table can be found on [Painter and Decorator | SkilledTradesBC](#)



Painter and Decorator
Inter-provincial examinations – Tasks and related number of questions
Number of questions on each exam - 130

Based on 2021 RSOS

| Major Work Activity | Task | Number of Questions |
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| A – PERFORMS COMMON OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS | Task 1 – Performs safety-related functions | 4 |
| | Task 2 – Uses and maintains tools and equipment | 6 |
| | Task 3 – Performs routine trade practices | 6 |
| | Task 4 – Performs quality control assessments | 3 |
| | Task 5 – Uses communication and mentoring techniques | 1 |
| B – PREPARES SURFACES | Task 6 – Performs general surface preparation | 9 |
| | Task 7 – Prepares wood surfaces for paints, coatings and wall coverings | 5 |
| | Task 8 – Prepares concrete and masonry surfaces | 5 |
| | Task 9 – Prepares metal surfaces | 6 |
| | Task 10 – Prepares plaster surfaces and drywall | 5 |
| C – PREPARES AND APPLIES RESIDENTIAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMERCIAL PAINTS, COATINGS AND FINISHES | Task 11 – Prepares for application of residential, institutional and commercial paints and coatings | 12 |
| | Task 12 – Applies residential, institutional and commercial paints and coatings | 15 |
| | Task 13 – Applies decorative/specialty finishes | 4 |
| D – PREPARES AND APPLIES WALL COVERINGS | Task 14 – Prepares for application of wall coverings | 4 |
| | Task 15 – Applies wall coverings | 5 |
| E – PREPARES AND APPLIES WOOD FINISHES | Task 16 – Prepares for wood finishing applications | 5 |
| | Task 17 – Finishes wood surfaces | 6 |
| F – PREPARES AND APPLIES INDUSTRIAL PAINTS AND COATINGS | Task 18 – Prepares for application of industrial paints and coatings | 15 |
| | Task 19 – Applies industrial paints and coatings | 14 |

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 **Painter and Decorator** 2021 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 ([Painter and Decorator | SkilledTradesBC](#)).

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