



RED SEAL EXAM

SELF-ASSESSMENT GUIDE

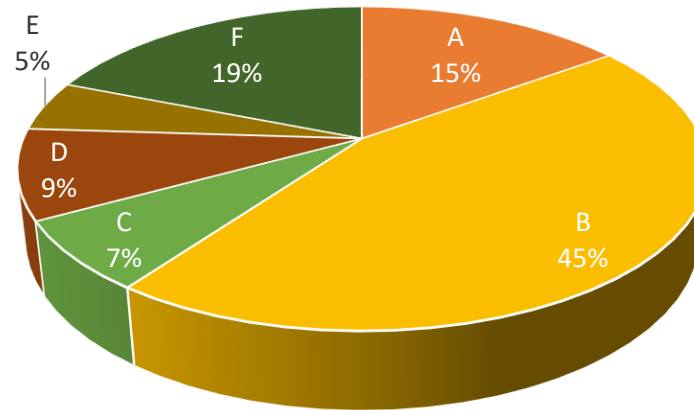
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Red Seal Exam Weighting

This pie chart represents the distribution of questions on the Red Seal Exam. The self-assessment on the next pages shows the Tasks and Sub-tasks within each Block and the number of questions assigned to each Block and Task.

The Red Seal Exam for this trade has 100 questions.



	Block / Exam Section	Number of Questions out of 100
A	Common Occupational Skills	15
B	Taping	45
C	Texturing	7
D	Plastering, Special Coatings and Systems	9
E	Moulding	5
F	Repairs and Restoration	19

Breakdown of Red Seal Exam Questions and Self-Assessment

Rate your own understanding and experience with each task. Look at the activities that make up each task and consider your experience with them of them when rating yourself. Be honest!

- **LOW** I have **no or very little understanding or experience** in this activity
- **MEDIUM** I **understand** this activity and have **some experience** doing it in **limited** situations
- **HIGH** I have a **very good understanding** of this activity and am **fully competent** in doing it in **many** situations

This is not intended to accurately predict how you will actually do on the exam – there may be areas where you are over-confident or under-confident. But it should give you an idea of your strengths and weaknesses.

After you rate your own knowledge and experience as **LOW**, **MEDIUM** or **HIGH**, check how many questions there are and write down how many you think you will get correct.

LOW, you may not get many of those questions right.

MEDIUM, you might get some right.

HIGH, you expect to be able to get most of those questions right.

Comparing your scores with the number of questions on the exam will help you identify which areas you need to prepare the most. Add up your scores from each section to get an idea of your overall readiness for the exam.

	● LOW Understanding / Experience	● MEDIUM Understanding / Experience	● HIGH Understanding / Experience	Number of questions on the Red Seal exam	Based on your self-rating, how many of the questions do you think you will get correct?
A – Common Occupational Skills					
1. Performs safety-related functions. 1.01 Maintains safe work environment. 1.02 Uses personal protective equipment (PPE) and safety equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	<hr/>
2. Uses and maintains tools and equipment. 2.01 Uses access equipment. 2.02 Uses lifting equipment. 2.03 Maintains tools and equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	<hr/>

	● LOW Understanding / Experience	● MEDIUM Understanding / Experience	● HIGH Understanding / Experience	Number of questions on the Red Seal exam	Based on your self-rating, how many of the questions do you think you will get correct?
3. Performs common work practices and procedures. 3.01 Handles materials. 3.02 Plans project. 3.03 Prepares work site. 3.04 Inspects surfaces. 3.05 Mixes materials to be applied. 3.06 Cleans premises after job completion. 3.07 Verifies work completed.	□	□	□	7	
Total number of questions for this section:				15	SUM OF YOUR EXPECTED CORRECT ANSWERS

	● LOW Understanding / Experience	● MEDIUM Understanding / Experience	● HIGH Understanding / Experience	Number of questions on the Red Seal exam	Based on your self-rating, how many of the questions do you think you will get correct?
B – Taping					
4. Prepares for taping. 4.01 Prepares wallboard surface. 4.02 Pre-fills wallboard.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10	<input type="text"/>
5. Tapes wallboard. 5.01 Tapes to fire-rate (fire-proof) and gas- proof surfaces. 5.02 Embeds tape. 5.03 Installs beads, control joints and trim. 5.04 Applies multiple coats of compound. 5.05 Scuff-sands between coats.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	16	<input type="text"/>
6. Finishes wallboard. 6.01 Applies level 5 finish. 6.02 Fine-sands surfaces. 6.03 Wet-sands surfaces. 6.04 Performs touch-ups before priming.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	19	<input type="text"/>
Total number of questions for this section:				45	SUM OF YOUR EXPECTED CORRECT ANSWERS <input type="text"/>

	● LOW Understanding / Experience	● MEDIUM Understanding / Experience	● HIGH Understanding / Experience	Number of questions on the Red Seal exam	Based on your self-rating, how many of the questions do you think you will get correct?
C – Texturing					
7. Prepares surfaces for texturing. 7.01 Prepares surfaces for texturing. 7.02 Applies levelling coat, primer or sealers to walls and ceilings.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	<input type="text"/>
8. Textures surfaces. 8.01 Textures walls and ceilings. 8.02 Applies custom design patterns.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	<input type="text"/>
Total number of questions for this section:				7	SUM OF YOUR EXPECTED CORRECT ANSWERS <input type="text"/>

	● LOW Understanding / Experience	● MEDIUM Understanding / Experience	● HIGH Understanding / Experience	Number of questions on the Red Seal exam	Based on your self-rating, how many of the questions do you think you will get correct?
D – Plastering, Special Coatings and Systems					
9. Applies veneer plaster systems. 9.01 Applies base coat for veneer plaster. 9.02 Applies finish coat for veneer plaster.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	<input type="text"/>
10. Applies special plaster finishes and specialty coatings. 10.01 Prepares surface for overlay applications. 10.02 Applies primer to surface. 10.03 Applies overlay applications.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	<input type="text"/>
Total number of questions for this section:				9	SUM OF YOUR EXPECTED CORRECT ANSWERS <input type="text"/>

	● LOW Understanding / Experience	● MEDIUM Understanding / Experience	● HIGH Understanding / Experience	Number of questions on the Red Seal exam	Based on your self-rating, how many of the questions do you think you will get correct?
E – Moulding					
11. Prepares for installation of mouldings. (NOT COMMON CORE) 11.01 Prepares surface for mouldings. (NOT COMMON CORE) 11.02 Lays out location and dimensions of various mouldings. (NOT COMMON CORE)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
12. Installs mouldings. 12.01 Cuts mouldings. (NOT COMMON CORE) 12.02 Secures mouldings on surfaces. (NOT COMMON CORE) 12.03 Finishes joints and surfaces.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	
Total number of questions for this section:				5	SUM OF YOUR EXPECTED CORRECT ANSWERS

	● LOW Understanding / Experience	● MEDIUM Understanding / Experience	● HIGH Understanding / Experience	Number of questions on the Red Seal exam	Based on your self-rating, how many of the questions do you think you will get correct?
F – Repairs and Restoration					
13. Troubleshoots problems. 13.01 Determines cause of problem. 13.02 Determines type of repair.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7	<hr/>
14. Repairs surfaces. 14.01 Seals stains. 14.02 Repairs wallboard. 14.03 Repairs plaster. 14.04 Repairs textured surfaces. 14.05 Repairs stucco.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12	<hr/>

	● LOW Understanding / Experience	● MEDIUM Understanding / Experience	● HIGH Understanding / Experience	Number of questions on the Red Seal exam	Based on your self-rating, how many of the questions do you think you will get correct?
15. Restores old mouldings. (NOT COMMON CORE) 15.01 Takes imprint of moulding. (NOT COMMON CORE) 15.02 Prepares surface for re-installation. (NOT COMMON CORE) 15.03 Installs guides. (NOT COMMON CORE) 15.04 Places mouldings. (NOT COMMON CORE)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
Total number of questions for this section:				19	SUM OF YOUR EXPECTED CORRECT ANSWERS
Now, add up the totals you gave yourself for each section.				TOTAL NUMBER OF QUESTIONS 100	MY EXPECTED TOTAL

Interpreting your Self-Assessment

What score did you give yourself?

Divide it by the number of questions to get a percentage.

The passing mark for the Red Seal exam is 70%. If you rated yourself higher than that overall, you feel pretty confident that your experience and knowledge in the trade are good enough for a pass. However, remember that this self-assessment is just a guide. We still encourage you to develop a study plan and to consider the areas where you rated yourself as less confident.

If your overall score is less than 70%, you might have more work to do. Look more closely at your scores section by section. What are the areas where you have the most to gain?

Look over the Red Seal Exam Preparation Guide for more advice.