



RED SEAL EXAM

SELF-ASSESSMENT GUIDE

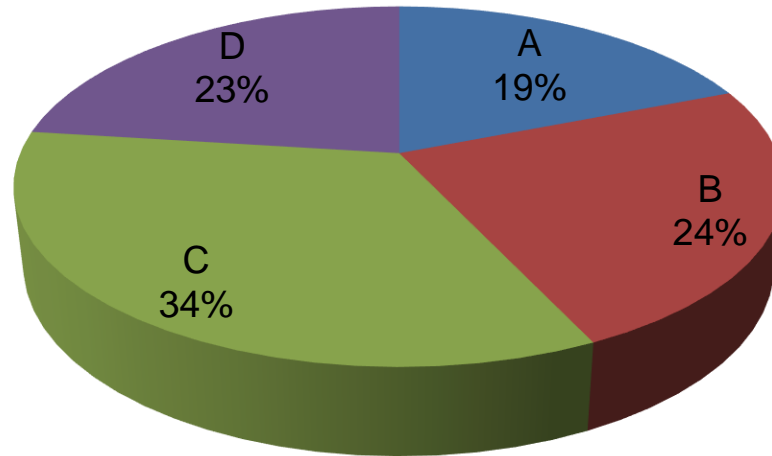
LANDSCAPE HORTICULTURIST



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 Major Work Activity and the number of questions assigned to each Major Work Activity and Task.

The Red Seal Exam for this trade has 120 questions.




	Major Work Activity / Exam Section	Percentage of Questions	Number of Questions out of 120
A	Performs common occupational skills	19%	23
B	Applies horticultural principles	24%	29
C	Performs landscape construction	34%	40
D	Performs landscape maintenance	23%	28
E	Works in production of plant material (Not Common Core – there are no questions on this topic on the Red Seal Exam)	0	0

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 – Performs Common Occupational Skills					
Task A-1 Performs safety-related functions A-1.01 Uses personal protective equipment (PPE) and safety equipment A-1.02 Maintains safe work environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	
Task A-2 Uses tools, equipment and vehicles A-2.01 Uses hand tools A-2.02 Uses power tools A-2.03 Uses measuring equipment A-2.04 Uses vehicles and motorized equipment, trailers and attachments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	

	● 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?
Task A-3 Organizes work A-3.01 Performs site assessments A-3.02 Uses documentation and reference material A-3.03 Maintains records A-3.04 Participates in job planning activities A-3.05 Orders materials A-3.06 Organizes materials and equipment A-3.07 Transports materials A-3.08 Transports equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7	<hr/>
Task A-4 Participates in marketing and sales A-4.01 Controls inventory A-4.02 Sells products and services A-4.03 Maintains customer relations A-4.04 Prepares estimates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	<hr/>

	<p>● LOW Understanding / Experience</p>	<p>● MEDIUM Understanding / Experience</p>	<p>● HIGH Understanding / Experience</p>	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?
Task A-5 Uses communication and mentoring techniques A-5.01 Uses communication techniques A-5.02 Uses mentoring techniques	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	
					SUM OF YOUR EXPECTED CORRECT ANSWERS
Total number of questions for this section:				23	

	● 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 – Applies Horticultural Principles					
Task B-6 Applies horticultural practices B-6.01 Identifies plants and plant requirements B-6.02 Manages plant health and growing conditions B-6.03 Prunes plant material B-6.04 Manages pests, diseases and invasive species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	18	<input type="text"/>
Task B-7 Applies environmental practices B-7.01 Practices environmental stewardship B-7.02 Practices biodiversity enhancement B-7.03 Practices soil stewardship B-7.04 Practices water stewardship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	11	<input type="text"/>
Total number of questions for this section:				29	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 – Performs Landscape Construction					
Task C-8 Performs pre-construction activities C-8.01 Participates in landscape design activities C-8.02 Prepares construction site C-8.03 Performs grading C-8.04 Installs drainage systems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10	<input type="text"/>
Task C-9 Installs hardscape C-9.01 Installs landscape structures C-9.02 Installs surface materials C-9.03 Installs steps and retaining walls C-9.04 Installs irrigation systems C-9.05 Installs water features C-9.06 Installs low voltage landscape lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	13	<input type="text"/>
Task C-10 Installs softscape C-10.01 Installs growing media C-10.02 Installs exterior landscape plants C-10.03 Transplants plants C-10.04 Installs mulch C-10.05 Installs turf from seed C-10.06 Installs sod C-10.07 Installs interior landscape plants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	11	<input type="text"/>

	<p>● LOW Understanding / Experience</p>	<p>● MEDIUM Understanding / Experience</p>	<p>● HIGH Understanding / Experience</p>	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?
Task C-11 Installs green infrastructure systems C-11.01 Selects green infrastructure C-11.02 Installs green roofs and walls C-11.03 Installs rainwater and stormwater management systems C-11.04 Installs erosion control C-11.05 Installs biodiverse plantings and natural areas	☐	☐	☐	6	☐
Total number of questions for this section:				40	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?
D – Performs Landscape Maintenance					
Task D-12 Maintains hardscape D-12.01 Maintains drainage systems D-12.02 Maintains landscape structures D-12.03 Maintains surface materials D-12.04 Maintains steps and retaining walls D-12.05 Maintains irrigation systems D-12.06 Maintains water features D-12.07 Maintains landscape lighting D-12.08 Practices snow and ice control D-12.09 Repairs hardscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	9	<hr/>
Task D-13 Maintains softscape D-13.01 Maintains exterior softscape D-13.02 Maintains interior softscape D-13.03 Maintains turfgrass D-13.04 Propagates plant material D-13.05 Repairs softscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	13	<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?
Task D-14 Maintains green infrastructure D-14.01 Maintains green roofs and walls D-14.02 Maintains rainwater and stormwater management systems D-14.03 Maintains erosion control D-14.04 Maintains biodiverse plantings and natural areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	<input type="text"/>
Total number of questions for this section:				28	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 – Works in Production of Plant Material (NOT COMMON CORE)					
Task E-15 Constructs growing facilities (Not Common Core) E-15.01 Builds growing facilities (Not Common Core) E-15.02 Installs growing facility components (Not Common Core)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
Task E-16 Operates and maintains growing facilities (Not Common Core) E-16.01 Operates growing facility structures and amenities (Not Common Core) E-16.02 Maintains sanitary environments (Not Common Core) E-16.03 Operates climate control systems (Not Common Core) E-16.04 Operates irrigation and fertigation systems (Not Common Core)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	

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<p>Task E-17 Manages greenhouse crops (Not Common Core) E-17.01 Develops greenhouse crop production plan (Not Common Core) E-17.02 Propagates greenhouse crops (Not Common Core) E-17.03 Transplants greenhouse crops (Not Common Core) E-17.04 Grows greenhouse crops (Not Common Core) E-17.05 Harvests greenhouse crops (Not Common Core) E-17.06 Ships greenhouse crops (Not Common Core)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>0</p>	<p><input type="text"/></p>

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.