Trade certification exam study plan

Plan study for a certification exam using the official exam breakdown for your trade.

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DATE

TRADE AND EXAM

EXAM DATE

OFFICIAL EXAM BREAKDOWN FOUND AT

RED SEAL EXAM? (IF YES, ALSO USE THE OFFICIAL RED SEAL BREAKDOWN AND SELF-ASSESSMENT)

Topic (from the official breakdown)	Weight	Confidence 1-5	Study weeks	Practice done
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If you are writing the Red Seal exam, use the official Red Seal exam breakdown and self-assessment for your trade, in addition to any provincial materials. The Red Seal Program says the exam is multiple-choice, each question is worth one mark, the pass mark is 70%, and the writing time is four hours.

SOURCES (CHECKED 2026-11-26)

The Red Seal Program says the Red Seal Exam tests knowledge of the trade activities of the trade and is used by all provinces and territories to issue a Red Seal endorsement. Most provinces and territories use the Red Seal Exam to issue trade certification. The exam questions are multiple-choice, each question is worth one mark, the pass mark is 70%, and the writing time is four hours. https://www.red-seal.ca/eng/resources/exam-prep-guide.shtml (checked 2026-11-27)

The Red Seal Program says the apprenticeship and certification authority in each province and territory determines who can write the Red Seal Exam, and that a self-assessment tool for each trade is available on the Red Seal website. https://www.red-seal.ca/eng/resources/exam-prep-guide.shtml (checked 2026-11-27)