

CARPENTER INFORMATION SHEET 2023

Employers, journeypersons and instructors play a key role in the success of apprenticeship in Newfoundland and Labrador. By working collaboratively with government, stakeholders support the apprenticeship system in the development of a highly skilled workforce.

To receive a Red Seal endorsement, apprentices must pass the Red Seal examination. In 2022, Newfoundland and Labrador's Red Seal exam pass rate for the Carpenter trade was 56 per cent. This is above the 2022 national average of 41 per cent. As supervising journeypersons and instructors, you are integral in helping train and prepare apprentices to write the Red Seal exam. Apprentices should be exposed to, have the ability to practice, and be able to explain how to complete all skills in the logbook; this will assist them in being successful in their Red Seal exam.

Given the broad scope of the trade, it can be difficult to know where to focus to prepare apprentices. To help inform your training plan with the apprentice, the Apprenticeship and Trades Certification Division (ATCD) has identified a list of five lower performing tasks demonstrated by Newfoundland and Labrador apprentices on the Red Seal exam for your trade*. We encourage you to review the list below with apprentices. Details on these tasks can be found in the national occupational standard for your trade – the National Occupational Analysis (NOA): [National Occupational Analysis - Carpenter](#)

Task/Sub-Task	Description	Number of Questions on RS Exam (out of 100)	NOA Page Number
Task A-4	Builds and uses temporary access structures.	3 questions	Pg. 19
A-4.01	Uses stationary access equipment.		
A-4.02	Uses mobile access equipment.		
A-4.03	Erects/dismantles scaffolding.		
A-4.04	Modifies specialized scaffolding.		
Task B-7	Performs layout.	8 questions	Pg. 27
B-7.01	Performs site layout.		
B-7.02	Lays out concrete formwork.		
B-7.03	Lays out floor systems.		
B-7.04	Lays out deck systems.		
B-7.05	Lays out wall systems.		
B-7.06	Lays out ceiling systems.		
B-7.07	Lays out roof systems.		
B-7.08	Lays out stairs.		
Task D-11	Constructs deck systems.	3 questions	Pg. 47
D-11.01	Constructs decks.		
D-11.02	Installs deck components.		

Task/Sub-Task	Description	Number of Questions on RS Exam (out of 100)	NOA Page Number
Task F-17	Applies wall and ceiling finishes.	3 questions	Pg. 63
F-17.01	Installs wallboard.		
F-17.02	Applies wall compound.		
F-17.03	Installs panels, tiles and solid wood finishes.		
F-17.04	Installs suspended ceilings.		
F-17.05	Installs demountable wall systems.		
Task F-19	Installs interior doors and windows.	3 questions	Pg. 68
F-19.01	Installs interior jambs/frames.		
F-19.02	Installs interior doors.		
F-19.03	Installs interior windows.		
F-19.04	Installs interior door and window hardware.		

**The information above represents the last three years where Red Seal exam data is available (May 2020 – May 2023).*

For additional resources to assist apprentices (e.g., Self-Assessment Guide, Red Seal Practice Questions, etc.), please visit the **Trade Profile** section on the ATCD website: www.gov.nl.ca/atcd/designated-trades/trade-profiles/

ATCD would like to thank you for your contribution towards apprenticeship training and investing in the future of skilled trades in Newfoundland and Labrador.