

**APPLICATION FOR
EQUIVALENT STATUS
DRYWALL FINISHER (0035)**ITA Customer Service
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Application Package Instructions**TRADE: DRYWALL FINISHER (0035)****APPLICATION PACKAGE INFORMATION:**

Please review the contents of this package prior to completing.

Equivalency Status authorizes you to recommend certification for Drywall Finisher trade apprentices.

An individual is considered to be equivalent to a certified journeyperson if they have been assessed by the ITA as having work experience in the specific trade amounting to at least one and a half times the number of work-based training hours required by the Industry Training Program for that trade. In general your work experience should cover at least 70% of the tasks listed in this application package.

This package contains the information and the forms you need to apply for Equivalency Status for the trade of Drywall Finisher .

The purpose of this package is to assist you in collecting the information necessary for us to complete the assessment of your application. The ITA will assess your work experience and determine whether you qualify for Equivalency Status.

The ITA will process your assessment within *60 days of receipt of your complete information* and will notify you in writing the results of your assessment. Applications will be returned if information is missing. We can not process incomplete applications.

Forms:

1. **Application for Equivalent Status and Work Experience Summary Information** (page 2 of this package). To be completed by applicant.
2. **Employer Declaration** (pages 3 & 4 of this package). *Note:* An Employer Declaration form must be completed and signed by any current or previous employers where you have acquired work experience you want assessed as part of your application (see page 2 section B).
3. **Document Checklist** (page 5 of this package) to be completed by applicant.
4. **Statutory Declaration** (pages 7 and 8 of this package) to be completed by applicant if required. See page 6 for additional information on Statutory Declarations.

All Documents must be submitted in English. Translations of documents in languages other than English must be done by a Certified Translator

- You are responsible for the cost of translation services.
- If any of your documentation is in the French language, ITA Customer Service may be able to arrange no-cost translation services on your behalf through the BC Francophone Affairs Program. (Availability of this free service should be verified by contacting ITA Customer Service prior to submitting your French language documents.)
- For a list of certified translators, contact the Society of Translators and Interpreters of British Columbia, or visit their web site at <http://www.stibc.org/directory.php>.

If you have any questions regarding the completion of this Challenge Assessment application, contact **ITA Customer Service** (see above for contact information) or send an email to: **customerservice@itabc.ca**

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A. Applicant's Information

Registration Number (TWID):					
Legal Last Name:		Legal First Name:		Legal Middle Name (s):	
Date of Birth (YYYY/MM/DD):		Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female			
Suite Number:	Mailing Address:				
City:		Province: B.C.	Postal Code:		Email:
Daytime Telephone Number: ()		Home Telephone Number: ()		Fax Number: ()	

To qualify for Equivalent Status as a Drywall Finisher, you must provide proof of having worked a minimum of 6,750 performing the tasks listed on the *Employer Declaration* (page 4). In general your work experience should cover at least 70% (6 out of 9) of the tasks listed in Part 2 of the Employers Declaration (page 4).

B: Work Experience Summary Information

Name of Organization/Employer(s) *	Dates of Employment	Total # of Hours of Experience
	From: To: (YYYY/MM/DD)	
	From: To: (YYYY/MM/DD)	
	From: To: (YYYY/MM/DD)	
	From: To: (YYYY/MM/DD)	

***Note:** An *Employer Declaration* form (pages 3 and 4) must be completed by each of the Employers listed above. See *Employer Declaration* "Instructions to Employers" for additional information.

Certification and authorization for collection, use, and disclosure of personal information inside or outside Canada:

I certify that the information I (as apprentice, sponsor, or employer) have provided is accurate. In accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, I authorize the Industry Training Authority to use and disclose the personal information I have provided on this form, as well as any further information necessary, for the purpose of administering the apprenticeship training program, including the application process, program delivery, evaluation, and certification. I authorize the Industry Training Authority to disclose my personal information for the above purposes to other agencies and ministries of the provincial and federal governments, and to apprenticeship officials in other jurisdictions, my present and future sponsors, educational institutions, private trainers, and agencies, whether located inside or outside Canada. I also authorize the Industry Training Authority to make the status of my certification and apprenticeship publicly available. (NOTE: If you have any question about your personal information, contact a Client Service Representative at Industry Training Authority Customer Service at 1.866.660.6011.)

Applicant Signature:	Date: (YYYY/MM/DD)
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For Office Use Only

Date Screened:	Missing Information	Results
Application Status <input type="checkbox"/> Application Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Application Incomplete – Returned to Applicant		Hours: Required: 6,750 Reported: Scope: Required: 6 out of 9 Reported

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Employer Declaration – Part 2

By checking “yes” or “no”, indicate in the “Employer’s Response” column whether the applicant performed the following tasks during the period of employment with your organization. <i>Cross out any tasks that were not performed.</i>	Employer’s Response
Use Safe Work Practices Includes: interpreting safety documentation- WHMIS, OSH regulations & WCB standards and fire safety procedures, and first aid Level	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Use Tools and Equipment Includes: use of hand tools, use of power tools, use of stilts, use of ladders, scaffolds & lifts, use of mechanical taping & finishing tools and use of texture sprayers	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Organize Work Includes: use of trade mathematics, read drawings and interpret drawing specifications, plan projects, prepare job sites, use codes and regulation, use manufacturer and supplier documentation and identify mould	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Install Beads and Trim Includes: preparing areas for beading, attaching beads and trim	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Apply Tape Includes: preparing walls for taping, selecting tape, applying tape by hand and machine	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Fill Drywall Includes: selecting filling compounds, mixing compounds, applying fill by hand and machine, finishing fillers, resolve filler problems, use of fast-set materials and applying level 5 finish	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Apply Texturing Includes: selecting texture materials, sealing and priming surfaces, applying hand textures and machine textures and applying specialty layout patterns	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Repair Surfaces Includes: repairing drywall, troubleshooting and repairing problems, using stains, repairing plaster and repairing textured surfaces	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>

Certification:

I certify that the information I (as employer) have provided is accurate. (Note: Collection and protection of personal information on this form is in accordance with the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.*)

Applicant Name:	Employer Signature:	Date: (YYYY/MM/DD)
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DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

To avoid delays in processing, please use the following checklist to ensure the required documentation is attached to your application and all forms are complete. **We can not process incomplete applications.**

ALL APPLICABLE BOXES MUST BE CHECKED OFF:

- All documents, including letters and certificates, are originals or *certified true copies* of originals, in the English language.
- Any translations have been performed by Certified Translators.
- The Applicant has completed in full and signed, the **Application for Equivalent Status and Work Experience Summary Information** (Page 2 of this package)
- Each Employer has completed in full and signed, the **Employer Declaration** (Pages 3 & 4 of this package).
- The information contained on each **Employer Declaration** form matches the information declared on the Applicant's **Work Experience Summary Information**.
- A **Statutory Declaration** form is enclosed in situations when an Employer Declaration is not available (pages 7 & 8 of this package). See *Statutory Declaration information on page 6 of this package*.

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Statutory Declarations

A Statutory Declaration form may be used to document time worked in a trade when applying to receive Equivalent Status for a trade **only due to the following circumstances:**

1. The firm is no longer in business and the principals cannot be located.
2. The owner/manager is deceased and complete employment records are not available.
3. The firm is located overseas and extreme difficulties are encountered in trying to get the documentation.
4. The applicant has been self-employed as an owner/operator of a business.
5. A firm refuses to issue a letter to document time worked in a trade.

A Statutory Declaration, using the form that is provided on pages 7 and 8 of this package, must be completed **for each place of employment** for which you are unable to provide an Employer Declaration.

Important: The Statutory Declaration form is comprised of **Part 1 (page 7) and Part 2 (page 8)**. It must be completed for each place of employment you cannot obtain documentation for, and must be sworn before a Lawyer, Notary Public, or Commissioner of Oaths for the Province of British Columbia. Please make additional copies of the Statutory Declaration form as needed.

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I solemnly declare that the information provided in this Declaration, to the best of my knowledge, is true.

Applicant's Signature:	Date: (YYYY/MM/DD)
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This section to be completed by: Declaration of Official	
Last Name:	First Name:
Occupation: : <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner for Oaths <input type="checkbox"/> Notary Public <input type="checkbox"/> Lawyer	
Address:	
Telephone Number:	Declared before me on Date: (YYYY/MM/DD)
Signed at: (City, Province)	Signature of Official:

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EXAMINATION INFORMATION

Applicants Applying to Qualify to write a Provincial Exam:

The following information is offered as a guide to make you aware of the topics that will be covered in the Inter-Provincial theoretical examination should you want to consider Challenging the Inter-Provincial Examination after achieving Equivalent Status.

Please visit the ITA Website at: <http://www.itabc.ca/priorlearning.php> for additional information on Challenging the Drywall Finisher Examination. There is an assessment fee of \$120 for individuals who decide to apply to challenge the Inter-Provincial examination.

If you decide to Challenge Inter-Provincial Examination and are successful you will earn both your B.C. trade certification or ticket, along with a Red Seal endorsement enabling you to work anywhere in Canada.

Section	Drywall Finisher	Exam Weightings
		%
1	Use Safe Work Practices	8%
2	Use Tools and Equipment	5%
3	Organize Work	28%
4	Install Beads and Trim	13%
5	Apply Tape	12%
6	Fill Drywall	19%
7	Apply Texturing	5%
8	Repair Surfaces	10%

- This is a multiple choice examination.
- Maximum time allowed for this examination is 3 hours.
- Passing Standard is 70%.
- This information is subject to change without notice; consult the relevant program profile on the ITA website at www.itabc.ca.