

BRICKLAYER

Occupation Description

Bricklayers build and repair walls, floors, arches, pavings, partitions, fireplaces, chimneys, smokestacks, furnaces, kilns and other structures. They work with materials such as brick, natural stone, manufactured stone, tiles, precast masonry panels, glass blocks, concrete blocks, lightweight insulated panels, other masonry units, insulation and membranes. They erect, install, maintain, repair and alter various masonry. The structures vary in complexity from a simple masonry walkway to an ornate exterior on a multi-level building.

For detailed information on the scope of knowledge and skills taught and assessed in this program refer to the Program Outline, available on the ITA website.

Pathways to Certification

In BC, an individual can become certified as a Bricklayer by completing the Bricklayer program or by challenging the certification. Apprenticeship programs are for individuals who have an employer to sponsor them and challenge programs are for individuals who have extensive experience working in the occupation and wish to challenge the certification.

Youth can begin an apprenticeship in high school through the Youth Train in Trades or Youth Work in Trades programs. The Youth Work in Trades program is available for any trade if an employer is willing to sponsor the student. Trades offered through the Youth Train in Trades vary by region; contact your local school district to find out which technical training programs are being offered through the Youth Train in Trades program in your region.

Foundation programs, where available, provide adults and youth who do not have work experience or employer sponsorship with an opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills needed to enter the occupation. Individuals who wish to enroll in a Foundation program must register directly with the training provider.

Recommended Education

The following education is **recommended** for apprentices entering this occupation. These are not prerequisites, but rather a desired level of skill or knowledge that will contribute to success in the industry.

- Grade 10 or equivalent including English 10, Mathematics 10, & Science 10
- Preferred: Grade 12

ITA Registration

Individuals who wish to begin an apprenticeship in this program must register with ITA along with their sponsor. Application forms for all programs are available from the ITA website. Online registration is also available for most programs through the ITA website.

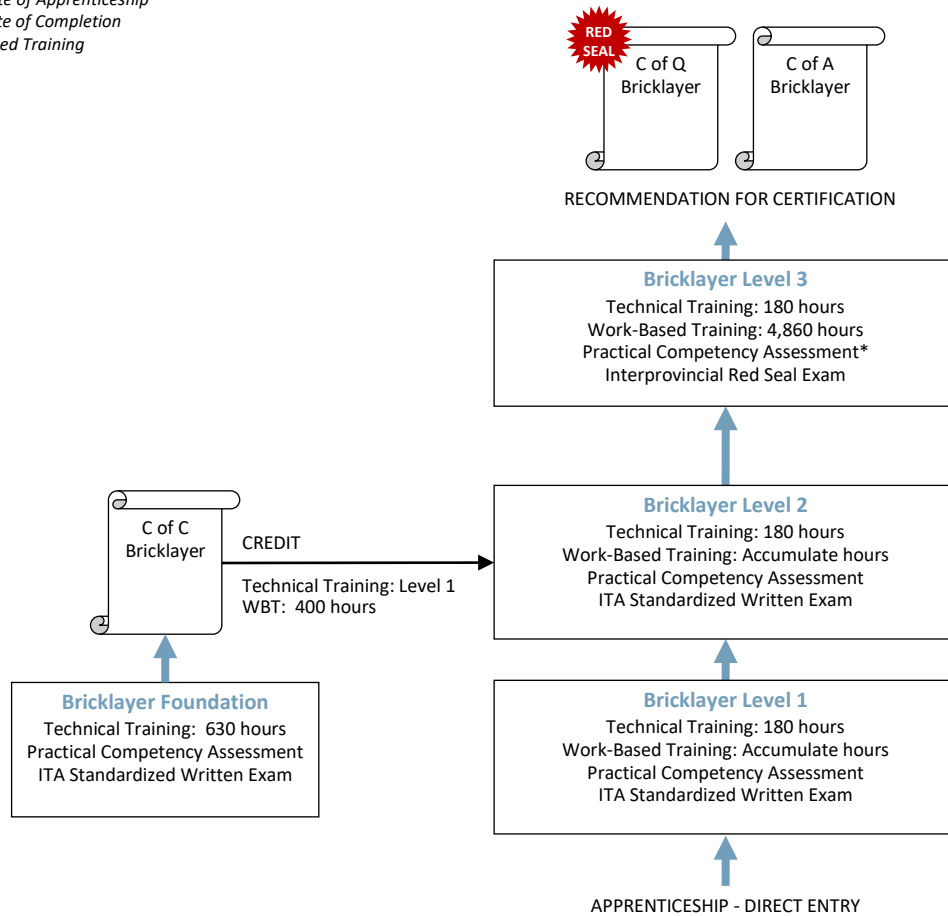
Those who wish to challenge the Bricklayer certification must complete the Bricklayer Challenge Application and submit it to ITA. Challenge applications are assessed for proof of workplace hours and scope of experience prior to acceptance of the individual into the Challenge pathway.



Apprenticeship Pathway

This graphic provides an overview of the Bricklayer apprenticeship pathway.

C of Q = Certificate of Qualification
C of A = Certificate of Apprenticeship
C of C = Certificate of Completion
WBT = Work-Based Training



**Level 3 Practical Competency Assessment must be completed prior to writing the Interprovincial Red Seal Exam*

CROSS-PROGRAM CREDITS

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None



Apprenticeship Program Standards

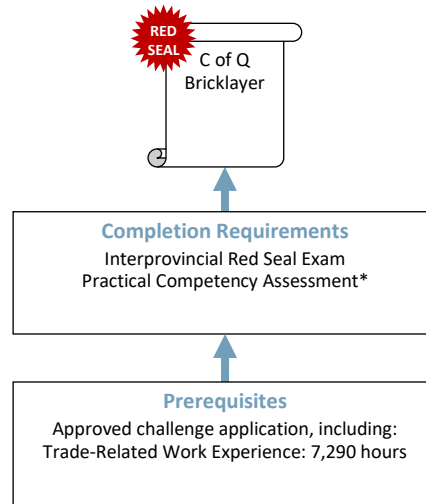
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ITA Registration Prerequisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agreement signed by the employer to sponsor the apprentice 										
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Program Duration	<p>Duration varies depending on how training is delivered, but the program generally takes 4 years to complete.</p> <p>The technical training requirement is typically met through block-release training (full-time, at school) delivered by an ITA-approved training provider. It can also be met through approved alternative training models (e.g., distance education, online, part-time) and/or level challenge where these options are available.</p>										
Sign-off Authority	<p>Credentials eligible to sign-off on the Recommendation for Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bricklayer – Certificate of Qualification ▪ Bricklayer – Interprovincial Red Seal endorsement ▪ ITA-issued letter authorizing supervision and sign-off of apprentices in this occupation 										
Challenging a Level	<p>The following levels of technical training can be challenged for advanced placement in this program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Level 1 ▪ Level 2 										
Cross-Program Credits	<p>Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are entitled to receive partial credit toward the completion requirements of this program</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Credential</th> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Credit(s) Granted</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">None</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;">None</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Credential	Credit(s) Granted	None	None						
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Challenge Pathway

This graphic provides an overview of the Bricklayer challenge pathway.

C of Q = Certificate of Qualification



Practical Competency Assessment **must be completed prior to writing the Interprovincial Red Seal Exam*

CROSS-PROGRAM CREDITS

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None

Challenge Program Standards

Credentials Awarded	Bricklayer – Certificate of Qualification with Red Seal endorsement	
ITA Registration Prerequisites	An approved Challenge Application, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7,290 documented hours of directly related experience working in the occupation 	
Credit for Prior Learning	Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are considered to have met the prerequisites for challenging this program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
Completion Requirements	Certification as a Bricklayer is awarded upon successful completion of:	
	Requirement	Level of Achievement Required
	Interprovincial Red Seal Exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 70%
	Standardized Practical assessment (Practical Competency Assessment must be completed prior to writing the Interprovincial Red Seal Exam)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Declared competent



Foundation Program

Refer to the Apprenticeship pathway diagram for this program to see how the Bricklayer Foundation program fits into apprenticeship.

Foundation Program Standards

Credentials Awarded	Bricklayer – Certificate of Completion	
Enrollment Prerequisites	Contact training provider. Prerequisites vary between training institutions	
Completion Requirements	A Certificate of Completion in this program is awarded upon successful completion of:	
	Requirement	Level of Achievement Required
	Technical Training and ITA standardized written exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minimum 70%
Level 1 Standardized Practical Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Competency 	
Program Duration	Duration varies depending on how training is delivered, but the program generally takes 630 hours (21 weeks) to complete, assuming 30 hours in school per week.	
Credit toward Apprenticeship	Individuals who complete the Bricklayer Foundation program will receive the following credit toward completion of the Bricklayer apprenticeship program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Technical Training: Level 1 ▪ Work-Based Training: 400 hours 	



Supporting Documents

Bricklayer Program Outline (2021) – Defines the full scope of knowledge and skills required to competently perform the occupation in BC. Available from the ITA website.

Bricklayer Red Seal Occupational Standard (2021) – Prepared by industry experts, under the guidance of the federal government, for Red Seal trades to define the national standard of competence for the trade. Available from the Red Seal website: www.red-seal.ca.

Contacts

The **Industry Training Authority** (ITA) manages B.C.'s industry training and apprenticeship programs. Contact ITA Customer service if you have any questions regarding registration, examinations or certification for this program.

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The standards for this program were reviewed and/or updated on the dates below.

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