

## FLOOR COVERING INSTALLER

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### Occupation Description

“Floor Covering Installer” means a person who installs, applies, replaces, repairs, services and prepares rugs, carpets, organic and synthetic materials, linoleum, vinyl, rubber, engineered wood, cork flooring and preparation of sub-surfaces, and any work that is usually performed by a journeyman Floor Covering Installer.

### Pathways to Certification

In BC, an individual can become certified as a Floor Covering Installer by completing the Floor Covering Installer 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 apprenticeship in high school through ACE IT or Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA) programs.

### Recommended and/or Required 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 and Science 10.
- Preferred: Grade 12.

### ITA Registration

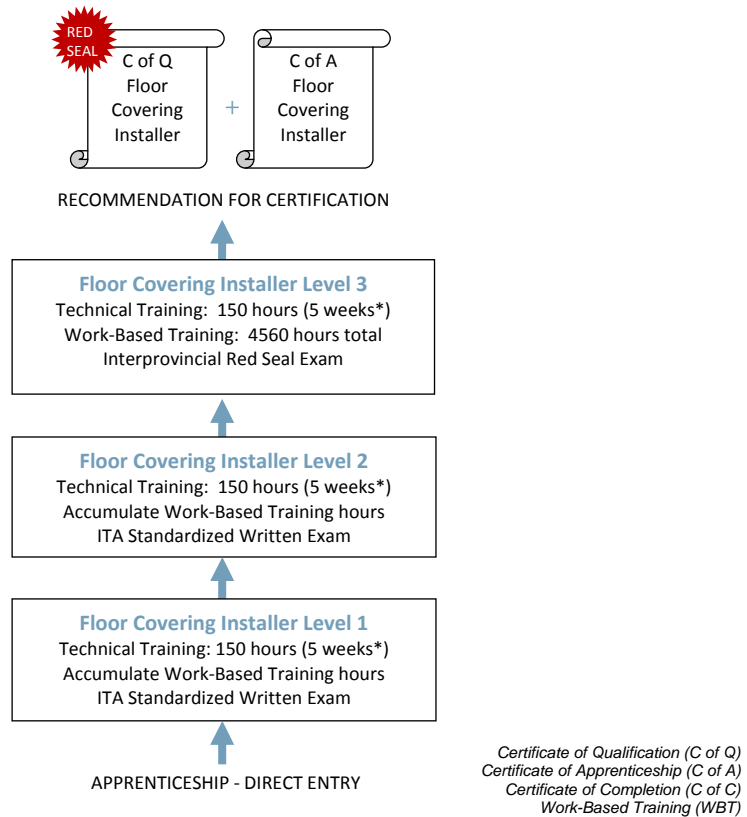
Individuals who wish to begin an apprenticeship in this program must register with ITA along with their sponsors. Application forms are available from the ITA website. Online registration is also available for most programs through the ITA website.

Those who wish to challenge the Floor Covering Installer certification must complete the Floor Covering Installer 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 Floor Covering Installer apprenticeship pathway.



\*Suggested duration based on 30-hour week

CROSS-PROGRAM CREDITS  
 None



**Apprenticeship Program Standards**

<b>Credentials Awarded</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Floor Covering Installer - Certificate of Qualification with Red Seal endorsement</li> <li>▪ Floor Covering Installer - Certificate of Apprenticeship</li> </ul>														
<b>ITA Registration Prerequisites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Signed agreement from employer to sponsor the apprentice (Sponsor)</li> </ul>														
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<b>Program Duration</b>	<p>Duration varies depending on how training is delivered, but the program generally takes 3 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>														
<b>Sign-off Authority</b>	<p>Credentials eligible to sign-off on the Recommendation for Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Floor Covering Installer Certificate of Qualification</li> <li>▪ Floor Covering Installer Red Seal Endorsement</li> <li>▪ ITA-issued letter authorizing supervision and sign-off of apprentices in this occupation</li> </ul>														
<b>Challenging a Level</b>	<p>The following levels of technical training can be challenged for advanced placement in this program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Level 1</li> <li>▪ Level 2</li> </ul>														
<b>Cross-Program Credits</b>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Credential</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Credit(s) Granted</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>None</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Credential	Credit(s) Granted	None											
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<b>Program Description</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Refer to the Floor Covering Installer Program Outline for detailed information on the competencies, learning tasks, content and achievement criteria associated with this program. It is available on the ITA website.</li> </ul>														



### Apprenticeship Program Standards

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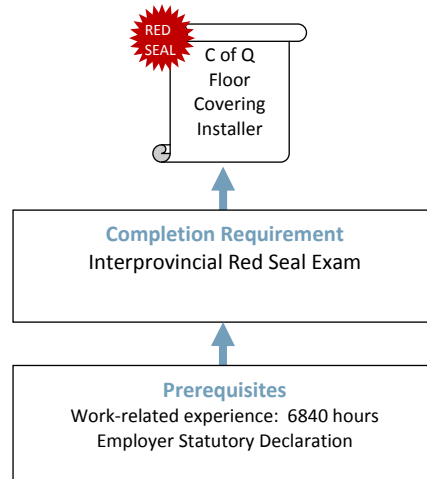
#### Training Topics

- Refer to the **Training Topics and Suggested Time Allocation** in the Program Outline for an overview of the scope of competencies covered in the technical training, the suggested proportion of time spent on each general area of competency, and the percentage of that time spent on theory versus practical application.
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### Challenge Pathway

This graphic provides an overview of the Floor Covering Installer challenge pathway.





### Challenge Program Standards

<b>Credentials Awarded</b>	Floor Covering Installer - Certificate of Qualification with Red Seal endorsement				
<b>ITA Registration Prerequisites</b>	<p>An approved Challenge Application, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 6840 documented hours of directly related experience working in the occupation</li> <li>▪ Evidence of achievement of required competencies</li> </ul>				
<b>Credentials Entitled to Challenge</b>	<p>Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are considered to have met the prerequisites for challenging this program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ None</li> </ul>				
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<b>Competencies Assessed</b>	<p>Refer to the <b>Training Topics and Suggested Time Allocation</b> section of the Program Outline or the Challenge Application for this program for an overview of the scope of competencies covered in the technical training for this program.</p>				



## **Additional Information**

### **Supporting Documents**

Floor Covering Installer Program Outline (2011) – Defines the full scope of knowledge and skills required to competently perform the occupation in BC. Available from the ITA website.

Floor Covering Installer National Occupational Analysis (2011) – 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](http://www.red-seal.ca).

### **Contacts**

**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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### **Revision History**

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

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