LATHER – INTERIOR SYSTEMS MECHANIC (WALL AND CEILING INSTALLER)

Occupation Description
A “Wall and Ceiling Installer” is a person who installs, handles, erects and applies materials that are component parts in the construction of ceilings and walls. Wall and Ceiling Installers install support frameworks for ceiling systems, interior and exterior walls and building partitions to prepare for the installation of drywall or plaster walls and ceilings. They also install curtain walls, perform acoustical installations, and install shielded walls. Wall and Ceiling Installers were previously designated as Lathers in BC.

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 Wall and Ceiling Installer by completing the Wall and Ceiling 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 either the Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA) program or the ACE IT program. The SSA program is available for any trade if an employer is willing to sponsor the student. Trades offered through ACE IT vary by region; contact your local school district to find out which technical training programs are being offered through ACE IT in your region.

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 sponsors. 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 Wall and Ceiling Installer certification must complete the Wall and Ceiling 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 Lather – Interior Systems Mechanic (Wall and Ceiling Installer) apprenticeship pathway.

*C of Q = Certificate of Qualification
*C of A = Certificate of Apprenticeship

**Suggested duration based on 30-hour week**

CROSS-PROGRAM CREDITS

Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are entitled to receive partial credit toward the completion requirements of this program

None
Apprenticeship Program Standards

Credentials Awarded

- Lather – Interior Systems Mechanic (Wall and Ceiling Installer) – Certificate of Qualification with Interprovincial Red Seal endorsement
- Lather – Interior Systems Mechanic (Wall and Ceiling Installer) – Certificate of Apprenticeship

ITA Registration Prerequisites

- Agreement signed by the employer to sponsor the apprentice

Completion Requirements

Certification as a Lather (Wall and Ceiling Installer) is awarded upon successful completion of:

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<td>Work-Based Training</td>
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(*Assuming 30 hours in school per week)

Program Duration

Duration varies depending on how training is delivered, but the program generally takes 4 years to complete.

The technical training requirement is typically met through block-release (full time, at school) or part time training 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.

Sign-off Authority

Credentials eligible to sign-off on the Recommendation for Certification:

- Lather – Interior Systems Mechanic (Wall and Ceiling Installer) – Certificate of Qualification
- Lather – Interior Systems Mechanic (Wall and Ceiling Installer) – Interprovincial Red Seal endorsement
- ITA-issued letter authorizing supervision and sign-off of apprentices in this occupation

Challenging a Level

The following levels of technical training can be challenged for advanced placement in this program:

- Module A
- Module B
- Module C
Apprenticeship Program Standards

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Challenge Pathway

This graphic provides an overview of the Lather – Interior Systems Mechanic (Wall and Ceiling Installer) challenge pathway.

C of Q = Certificate of Qualification

Completion Requirements
Interprovincial Red Seal Exam

Prerequisites
Approved challenge application, including:
Trade-Related Work Experience: 6,750 hours

CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING

Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are entitled to receive partial credit toward the completion requirements of this program

None

Challenge Program Standards

Credentials Awarded
Lather – Interior Systems Mechanic (Wall and Ceiling Installer) – Certificate of Qualification with Interprovincial Red Seal endorsement

ITA Registration Prerequisites
An approved Challenge Application, which includes:
- 6,750 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:
- None

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Supporting Documents

Lather – Interior Systems Mechanic (Wall and Ceiling Installer) Program Outline (2012) – Defines the full scope of knowledge and skills required to competently perform the occupation in BC. Available from the ITA website.


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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Toll Free (within BC): 1-866-660-6011 Email: customerservice@itabc.ca
Website: www.itabc.ca

Revision History

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

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