

## LATHER (INTERIOR SYSTEMS MECHANIC) (WALL AND CEILING INSTALLER)

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### Occupation Description

A “Wall and Ceiling Installer” performs job layout using blueprints, and 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, build interior partitions and install drywall and other sheathing on walls and ceilings. They also install curtain walls, fire and sound systems, acoustical installations, access flooring, demountable partitions, shielded walls, and apply building envelope technologies. Wall and Ceiling Installers were previously designated as Lathers or Interior Systems Mechanics 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 Lather (Interior Systems Mechanic) (Wall and Ceiling Installer) by completing the Lather (Interior Systems Mechanic) (Wall and Ceiling Installer) Apprenticeship 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.

### 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

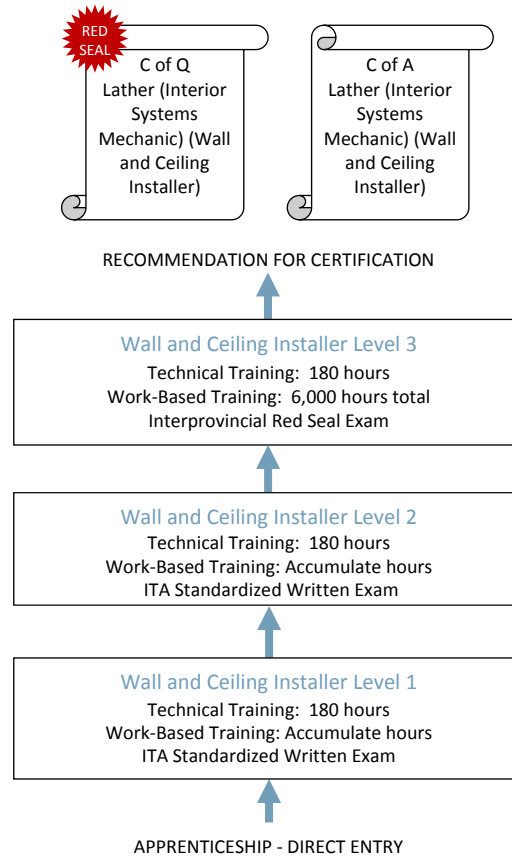
Individuals who wish to begin an apprenticeship in this program must register with ITA along with their sponsors. Application forms for all programs are available from the ITA website. Online registration is also available for most programs through the ITA website.

Those who wish to challenge the Lather (Interior Systems Mechanic) (Wall and Ceiling Installer) certification must complete the Lather (Interior Systems Mechanic) (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

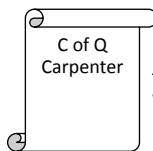
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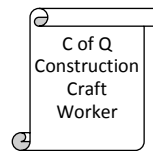


#### CROSS-PROGRAM CREDITS

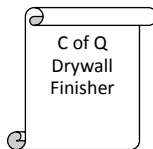
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### Apprenticeship Program Standards

<b>Credentials Awarded</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lather (Interior Systems Mechanic) (Wall and Ceiling Installer) – Certificate of Qualification with Interprovincial Red Seal Endorsement</li> <li>▪ Lather (Interior Systems Mechanic) (Wall and Ceiling Installer) – Certificate of Apprenticeship</li> </ul>										
<b>ITA Registration Prerequisites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Agreement signed by the employer to sponsor the apprentice</li> </ul>										
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<b>Program Duration</b>	<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 (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.</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>▪ Lather (Interior Systems Mechanic) (Wall and Ceiling Installer) – Certificate of Qualification</li> <li>▪ Lather (Interior Systems Mechanic) (Wall and Ceiling Installer) – Interprovincial 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 (when ITA Standardized Written Exam is implemented)</li> <li>▪ Level 2 (when ITA Standardized Written Exam is implemented)</li> </ul>										



**Apprenticeship Program Standards**

**Cross-Program Credits**

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

Credential	Credit(s) Granted
Carpenter - Certificate of Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Technical Training: None</li> <li>▪ Work-Based Training: 1,200 hours*</li> </ul>
Drywall Finisher - Certificate of Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Technical Training: None</li> <li>▪ Work-Based Training: 1,200 hours*</li> </ul>
Glazier - Certificate of Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Technical Training: None</li> <li>▪ Work-Based Training: 1,200 hours*</li> </ul>
Construction Craft Worker - Certificate of Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Technical Training: None</li> <li>▪ Work-Based Training: 1,200 hours*</li> </ul>

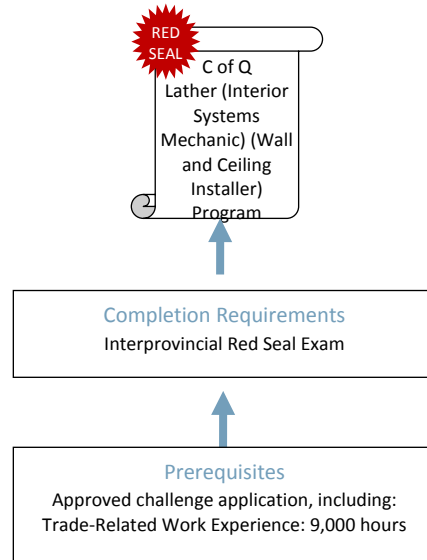
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### Challenge Pathway

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**CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING**

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None



### Challenge Program Standards

<b>Credentials Awarded</b>	Lather (Interior Systems Mechanic) (Wall and Ceiling Installer) – Certificate of Qualification with Interprovincial Red Seal endorsement					
<b>ITA Registration Prerequisites</b>	An approved Challenge Application, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 9,000 documented hours of directly related experience working in the occupation</li> </ul>					
<b>Credit for Prior Learning</b>	Individuals who hold the credentials listed below are considered to have met the prerequisites for challenging this program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ None</li> </ul>					
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## Supporting Documents

Lather (Interior Systems Mechanic) (Wall and Ceiling Installer) Program Outline (2018) – Defines the full scope of knowledge and skills required to competently perform the occupation in BC. Available from the ITA website.

Lather (Interior Systems Mechanic) National Occupational Analysis (2012) – 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

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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## Revision History

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

Program Standards Approved: June 2018

Program Profiles are updated regularly. Visit [www.itabc.ca](http://www.itabc.ca) for the most current version.