

PAINTERS & ALLIED TRADES



ABOUT THIS CAREER

Painters apply a range of coatings to beautify, identify, and protect interior and exterior surfaces and structures from weather, UV, chemicals, abrasion and fire. From housing, hospitals, schools, office towers, and retail stores to bridges, tanks, pipelines, structural steel and hydro generation a Red Seal painter does it all.

HOURLY PAY

\$28-\$32

PROJECTED CONSTRUCTION
WORKER RETIREMENTS

~8,100 BY 2029*

*BuildForce Canada

"I like using my skills and creativity to create a finished product I can be proud of."



You are detail oriented.



You are creative.



You are comfortable working at heights.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Repair, clean and prepare wood, plaster, stucco, stone, concrete, brick, steel and other materials.
- Apply paint and other materials using brushes, rollers or spray equipment
- Read specifications and calculate the area to be painted and the amount of paint needed
- Select, mix and thin paints and stains to produce the desired colour and appearance
- Prepare surfaces by scraping, wire brushing, or sanding to a smooth finish
- Put up scaffolding and set up ladders
- Provide cost estimates and requisition or order materials, equipment and supplies

WHAT YOU'LL NEED to become a certified painter

Entrance Requirements Key Skills & Attributes

(technical training and on the job)

Apprenticeship Program:
3 years, includes technical training, on-the-job training and exam. Journeyman certificate awarded after successful completion. As an apprentice, you also earn while you learn.

- Strong communication skills, reading and numeracy
- Strong problem-solving and planning skills
- Creativity and an eye for detail
- Physical strength and balance
- Ability to work in high places
- Ability to work outdoors in diverse weather
- Ability to work in a collaborative environment
- Experience using precision tools

DID YOU KNOW?

Industrial painters often work outdoors but may work in confined spaces like the inside of a large storage tank. Those who paint building infrastructure may need to be suspended with ropes or cables.

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