



# Painter And Decorator

## About this job

Painters and decorators are creative, precise, and detail oriented. They possess excellent communication skills, both to interpret a client's vision and give suggestions or advice. The trade often provides the opportunity to see projects through from concept to completion.



- **Three-year program**
- **Red Seal Certificate**
- **Requires out of the territory technical training**
- **Construction**



**PAINTER AND DECORATOR HOLDS NATIONAL OCCUPATION  
CLASSIFICATION (NOC) CODE #7294/73112**

APPRENTICESHIP, TRADES, AND OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATION

**\$66,500**

Estimated Average Journeyperson Salary

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## What can I expect to do for work if I become a Painter?

Painters and Decorators apply paint, coatings and other finishes to interior and exterior surfaces of buildings and industrial structures. In general, Painters and Decorators:

- estimate the quantity of materials required by measuring surfaces, consulting drawings or reviewing a work order,
- remove old coatings by stripping with solvents, heat, sanding, wire brushing, or water and abrasive blasting,
- prepare surfaces by cleaning, filling nail holes and cracks, and sanding rough spots,
- apply an undercoat primer or sealer before painting, or apply sizing (adhesive) before wallpapering,
- match specified colours by using premixed paints, or mixing colour and thinning and drying additives,
- use brushes, rollers or spray guns to apply liquid coatings such as paint, stain or varnish to surfaces of wood, metal, brick, concrete, plaster, stucco or stone,
- abrasive blast and apply industrial coatings,
- apply finishes that are sponged, ragged and layered,
- apply paper, vinyl or natural and synthetic fabric wall coverings, and
- must be aware of product changes.

## What kind of working conditions can I expect?

Painters and decorators arrange their work so they will be outdoors in late spring, summer and early fall, and indoors in the late fall and winter. They may find themselves working at residential, commercial or industrial sites. They

often work from ladders, scaffolds or swing stages. They may also work with a variety of paints, thinners, stains and high performance coatings.

## What are some skills that are valued in this profession?

- good colour sense,
- manual dexterity and a desire to do precise work,
- to use proper lifting techniques,
- ability to work at heights, and
- ability to move heavy ladders and industrial equipment at the work site.

## What is the minimum requirement to become an apprentice in this trade?

**Apprentices must obtain a minimum of 70% on the Trades Entrance Exam – TEE Category #1 or the equivalent education as outlined below. This must be done before signing the Apprenticeship contract and attending technical training.**

## How long will it take to complete a Painter and Decorator apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship takes about three years to complete, and includes three on the job periods and three technical training periods. You need to complete 1800 hours per period, for a total of 5400 hours.

## How long is technical training?

Apprentices will attend 720 technical training hours. Apprentices usually go to school for this program in Alberta.

Period	Technical Training <sup>1</sup>	Prerequisites for technical training	Hours <sup>2</sup>
1st	8 Weeks 240 hours	Entrance Exam and 900 hours	1800
2nd	8 Weeks 240 hours	Completed 1 <sup>st</sup> Period	3600
3rd	8 Weeks 240 hours	Completed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	5400

<sup>1</sup>Length of In-School Training

<sup>2</sup>Minimum Time Required to Complete (Includes Technical Training)

For more information:

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