

# 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.

**8,700 +**

PROJECTED CONSTRUCTION  
WORKER RETIREMENTS  
IN THE NEXT DECADE

*\*BuildForce Canada*

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on hourly pay, benefits, pensions and more.

"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, steel & 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 painter

### Entrance Requirements

#### Apprenticeship Program:

Includes technical training, on-the-job training and exam. Journeyman certificate awarded after successful completion. As an apprentice, you also earn while you learn.

### Key Skills & Attributes

(technical training and on the job)

- 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

## 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.

