



## STEAMFITTER/PIPEFITTER IP RED SEAL CHALLENGE AND REFRESHER FALL 2023

On December 1, 2022, Industry Training Authority (ITA) became SkilledTradesBC. While their role in advancing B.C.'s skilled trades system hasn't changed, it has expanded. This includes a larger focus on raising the profile of skilled trades, modernizing their approach to trades training, and implementing [Skilled Trades Certification](#).

Under Skilled Trades Certification, it is mandatory for all trade workers to be a registered apprentice or fully certified to work in specific trades, starting with seven electrical and mechanical trades in December 2023. Three automotive trades will be introduced as Skilled Trades Certification trades in 2024 and will have one year to transition once announced.

SkilledTradesBC has also enhanced supports to Apprentices and Trade Qualifiers, or [experienced workers](#), in the Skilled Trades Certification trades.

To help Apprentices and Trade Qualifiers pass their IP Red Seal exams, SkilledTradesBC has applied a \$170 subsidy per 30-hours (1 week) of course time to eligible programs. The following courses have qualified for this subsidy and their regular tuition will be reduced:

### COURSE DATES:

**Material pick-up October 20th**

**October 23<sup>rd</sup> – November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Monday to Friday  
5:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
30 hours/ 10 classes  
Online or in-person

### PREREQUISITES:

- BC Certificate of Qualification with Inter-province Red Seal Endorsement in Plumbing or Sprinklerfitting and 4,950 documented hours of directly related work experience
- Interprovincial Red Seal Endorsement in Welding and 9,450 documented hours directly related to work experience.
- Skilled Trades BC approved challenge application form\*
- Must be a Member of UA Local 488 in Good Standing
- Must have a minimum of 10 registered to run this course.

Registration Fees:

\$ 100.00

### Required Course Materials

IPT Pipe Trades Manual

\$ 50.00

UA Local 488 Steamfitter Manual

\$ 50.00

Student Manual

provided upon registration

### IP RED SEAL EXAM

Members are responsible for scheduling and for the cost of their IP Red Seal exam. Please contact Skilled Trades Customer Service (t: 778-328-8700) to schedule an exam date.

\*Contact Skilled Trades Customer Service (t: 778-328-8700) or visit [www.skilledtradesbc.ca](http://www.skilledtradesbc.ca) for information on how to submit your challenge application. Once your challenge application is approved by Skilled Trades, you have 12 months to write and pass the IP Red Seal exam.

**CALL 604-540-1945 TO REGISTER**