

# Gold Seal Certification

## ESTIMATOR



Estimator applicants require a combination of industry experience, education and training to challenge the Gold Seal exam and, if successful, to become Gold Seal Certified (GSC).

**The total number of credits required is 100.**



### EXPERIENCE

(minimum of 50 credits required)

#### Applicants Must:

- Be currently employed as an estimator.
- Have at least five (5) years of experience as an estimator.
- Have at least three (3) years experience within the Canadian industry.
- Claim no more than two (2) years experience in an assistant's role.

**Scoring Rule:** For every one year of eligible experience applicants receive 10 credits (1 year = 10 credits).

To claim experience applicants must provide one project per year where they were acting in the role of estimator on the outlined project.



### EDUCATION

(minimum of 25 credits required)

#### Formal Education

**Scoring Rule:** Credits awarded for the highest level of formal education related to the construction industry – check off the highest level that applies to you.

- Tradesperson qualification = 10 credits
- Industry-related technician = 20 credits
- Technologist diploma = 25 credits
- Industry-related university degree = 30 credits
- Construction management degree program = 40 credits

#### Industry Seminars & Workshops

Applicants can gain credits from Gold Seal accredited workshops and training. All seminars, workshops, and courses must have been taken within the last 10 years and must be a minimum of six hours in duration and have a valid certificate.

These can include:

- CANS award-winning Education & Training courses
- Mandatory Construction Ethics (online or in-class)
- Non-technical safety training (a maximum of five (5) credits for safety can be claimed)

#### Equivalencies & Reciprocities

##### Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (CIQS)

- Professional Quantity Surveyor (PQS) automatically approved for certification in their contracting discipline.
- Construction Estimator Certified (CEC) applicants automatically approved to challenge the Gold Seal exam.

To find accredited training visit:

[www.goldsealcertification.com/about/training/accredited-training/](http://www.goldsealcertification.com/about/training/accredited-training/)

*(Once you've fulfilled these minimum requirements, the remaining 25 credits can come from either experience and/or education.)*

# What is Gold Seal Certification?



**The Canadian Construction Association's (CCA) Gold Seal Certification (GSC) program establishes the highest standard of excellence through Gold Seal Certification.**

Gold Seal Certified (GSC) construction management professionals have attained the highest standard of excellence in the industry, have proven industry experience and are held in the highest regard. Companies that employ GSC professionals are seen as leaders for their commitment to quality and excellence through education, training, and continual skill development.

The Gold Seal program is maintained by the industry, for the industry.

## **Career-changing value.**

When you meet the Gold Seal expectations of excellence you receive a Gold Seal certificate attesting to your success.

- Demonstrate excellence through certified experience and nationally recognized validation of your skills, competence and knowledge.
- Build trust by gaining valuable ethics knowledge.
- Make connections with a network of well over 10,000 respected peers and feel part of a large and inclusive collective of like-minded professionals.
- Gain a competitive edge and stand apart with nationally recognized education and experience.

## **BOOK YOUR PERSONALIZED ASSESSMENT, CONTACT:**

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