

Glossary of Terms

The following glossary is a list of terms commonly used in the trade in Alberta and elsewhere in Canada. Individuals preparing for examinations should be familiar with these terms and how they are used in the context of the trade.

Abbreviations	Bearing surface	Cement
Abrasive tools	Bench mark	Centerlines
Accelerator	Birds mouth	Chair rail
Access	Bits	Chamfering
Access scaffolds	Blades	Chases
Acoustical	Blocking	Chimney saddle
Adhesion	Blueprints	Chisels
Adhesives	Boring	Cladding
Admixtures	Box beams	Clamping
Aggregates	Bracing	Clearances
Air barrier	Brackets	Climatizing
Air dried	Brick veneer	Closers
Air-entraining	Bridging	Coefficient
Anchor	Btu	Collar ties
Annular rings	Buck	Columns
Apron	Builders level	Combustible
Architect's scale	Building paper	Common rafter
Architectural drawings	Building permit	Composite board
Arcs	Built-up roof	Compound angle
Asphalt	Bullnose	Compression
Astragals	Butt gauge	Concealed spaces
Attic	Butt marker	Concrete
Auger	Caissons	Condensation
Awning	Camber	Conduction
Backfill	Cambium	Consolidation
Balloon framing	Cant strips	Construction joints
Balustrade	Cantilevered	Control joints
Banisters	Capacity	Contour lines
Barge rafters	Capillary action	Convection
Barricades	Capitals, beams	Corbelling
Barrier-free	Carriage bolts	Cornice
Barriers	Casein	Corrosion
Baseboard	Casement	Counterbalance
Batt insulation	Casing	Counters
Batter boards	Cast-in-place	Countersink
Battered	Catches	Counterweights
Beams	Caulking	Creosote
Bearing partitions	Cavity walls	Cripple jack
Bearing piles	Cellulose	Cross bridging

Cross-bands	Excavation	Hardboard
Crown	Expanding foam	Hardwood
Cupola	Expansion	Head lap
Cupping	Exposure	Herringbone bridging
Curl	Exterior door	Hidden lines
Dadoes	Exterior plywood	Hinge
Damper	Fall arrest equipment	Hip roof
Dampproofing	Fall protection	Hoarding
Dead loads	Falsework	Hoisting
Deadbolts	Fascia	Honeycombing
Decay	Fasteners	Hopper windows
Decibels	Fiber board	Horizontal siding
Deciduous trees	Fiber materials	House wrap
Defect	Fiberglass	Hurricane clips
Deflections	Fillets	Hydration
Degree	Finger joints	Hydraulic
Density	Fire extinguishers	Hydrostatic
Dentil	Fire stops	Infiltration
Detail	Fixed windows	Inspection
Dew point	Flashings	Insulation
Diagonal braces	Floor framing	Integrity
Dimension lumber	Flue	Interior doors
Door closer	Flush doors	Interpretation
Door coordinator	Fly forms	Intersections
Door pull	Folding doors	Isolation joints
Doors	Footings	Isometric drawings
Dormer	Form hardware	Jack rafters
Double acting	Forms	Jalousie windows
Double-hung	Foundations	Jambs
Dovetail	Framing	Jointers
Dowel	Friction piles	Joints
Drainage	Frieze board	Joist
Drawer	Furring	Joist hangers
Drawings	Gables	Junction
Drip edge	Gambrel roof	Kerf
Drop panels	Gang forms	Keyed
Dry line	Gauging	Keyways
Dry rot	Geometrical shapes	Kick plates
Drywall	Girt	Kiln
Duplex	Glazing	Knots
Eave protection	Glue	Ladders
Eaves	Gluelam	Lally column
Edge bore	Gooseneck	Laminated products
Edge drip	Grading	Laminates, plastic
Edging	Grinding	Lap
Egress	Grooving	Laser level
Elevations	Grouting	Lateral support
Ellipses	Guardrails	Layout tools
Energy efficient	Gusset plates	Ledger
Engineered products	Gutters	Let-in bracing
Epoxy	Gypsum	Leveling instruments
Erecting	Hammer	Lignin
Escutcheons	Hand tools	Line length, rafters
Estimating	Handrail	Line level

Line of sight	Pictorial view	Rain screen
Lintels	Pilasters	Raised grain
Live load	Pile driver	Rake construction
Lock sets	Piles	Rays
Lookouts	Pilot	Reamer
Louvers	Pith	Rebar
Lumber	Plancier	Reciprocating saw
Mansard roof	Planes	Reflective insulation
Mantels	Plank and beam	Reinforcement
Marking gauge	Planks	Release agents
Mastics	Plans	Remodeling
Measuring tools	Plaster	Resawn
Medullary rays	Plastic laminates	Reshoring
Metal studs	Plastic wood	Resilient bars
Mezzanines	Plates	Resilient floor
Millwork	Platform framing	Ribbon
Mineral fiber	Plinths	Ridges
Miter cuts	Plot plan	Rigging
Modular construction	Plumb	Rigid insulation
Moisture content	Plunge cuts	Rim joist
Monolithic	Plywood	Ripping
Mortised locks	Pneumatic tools	Riser
Mouldings	Pocket	Roll roofing
Mudsill	Pole story	Roof beams
Mullion	Polyethylene film	Roof deck
Muntins	Polyvinyl resin	Roof framing
Nails	Ponding	Roof sheathing
National Building Code	Portable tools	Roof truss
Neoprene rubber	Post-and-beam	Rough lumber
Newel post	Pour strip	Rough openings
Noise reduction	Power actuated tools	Routers
Nominal size	Pozzolans	R-values
Non-bearing	Precast concrete	Saber saw
Non-structural	Precut	Saddle, chimney
Nosing	Prefabricated	Sapwood
Oblique drawings	Prefinished	Sash
Ogee	Prehung	Saws
Open stairs	Preservatives	Scaffolds
Openings	Pressure treated	Scale
Organic	Prestressed concrete	Scarf joint
Oriented strand board	Pretensioning	Schedules
Orthographic drawings	Projections	Scratch coat
Outfeed	Property lines	Screeding
Overhang	Proud	Scribing
Overlay doors	Purlins	Sealed glazing
Panel materials	Pythagorean theorem	Seasoning lumber
Paneling	Quarter sawn	Seat cuts
Parquet flooring	Rabbets	Sections
Particle board	Racking	Segregation
Partitions	Radial arm saw	Self-adhering
Passive solar	Radiation	Set back
Permeability	Rafters	Set of plans
Permits	Railings	Shakes
Perspective drawings	Rails	Shaper

Shear wall
Sheathing
Shims
Shingles
Shoring
Shrinkage
Shutters
Side lap
Siding
Signals
Sill
Site plans
Skew blocking
Skylights
Slab-on-grade
Sliding doors
Slip forms
Slope
Slump
Soffit
Softwood
Solar heat
Solid wood
Sound and thermal
Span
Specifications
Spiral stairs
Split jamb
Split ring
Spreader
Stack, venting
Stairs
Stairwell
Standards
Staplers
Starter strip
Steel beams
Stepped footing
Stone veneer
Story pole
Straight edge
Strapping
Stress skin panels
Stress values
Stringer
Strip flooring
Strongback
Structural panels
Stud layout
Subfloors
Survey
Suspended ceilings
Suspended slabs
Sweep

Symbols
Table saw
Tail joists
Taper cut
Tapes, measuring
Tearout
Templates
Tenon
Theodolites
Thermal bridging
Thermal insulation
Thickness planer
Thresholds
Tile
Tilt-up construction
Timber construction
Toenailing
Tongue and groove
Torx head
Total rise
Transit level
Transverse
Treads
Tremmies
Trenching
Trim
Trimmer studs
Tripod
Trowel
Trusses
Underlayment
Underpinning
Unit measure
Unit rise
Unit run
Urea-formaldehyde
Valley flashing
Valley rafters
Vapor barriers
Veneer
Ventilation
Vents
Vernier
Vertical planes
Vibration
Vibrators
Vinyl
Volute
Waferboard
Wainscoting
Waler
Wall paneling
Warp
Water cement ratio

Waterproofing
Weather stripping
Web
Wedges
Whetting, chisels, planes
WHMIS
Wind protection
Winder stairs
Windows windowsills
Wire mesh
Wood foundations
Wood treatments
Working drawings
Zoning regulations