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Program:	Steamfitter / Pipefitter
To:	ITA Training Providers Articulation Chair System Liaison Person Youth Train in Trades School Districts
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Effective Date:	April 1, 2022
Summary:	An ITA Standardized Level Exam (SLE) is being introduced for Harmonized Level 2 (HL2) of the Steamfitter / Pipefitter program.
Details:	<p>Apprentices enrolled in HL2 technical training of the Steamfitter / Pipefitter program beginning on, or after, April 1, 2022, will be required to write the HL2 SLE. The exam will contribute 20% to an apprentice's final mark.</p> <p>This SLE refers to CSA B149.1-15/B149.1-20. Apprentices are required to bring a physical copy of either CSA B149.1-15 or CSA B149.1-20 to the exam session.</p> <p>Electronic code books are not permitted. For more information about code books and calculator requirements, please refer to the ITA website.</p> <p>An Exam Weighting Chart is available for the Steamfitter / Pipefitter Harmonized Level 2 SLE on ITA's website. This chart shows the approximate percentage of weighting per General Area of Competency (GAC).</p>
Rationale:	ITA implemented Standardized Level Exams as part of an assessment strategy to ensure consistent outcomes at each program level for apprentices throughout BC.

General Information

Scheduling Exams: Exams are to be requested by training providers via the usual ITA procedure. For more information, please see <https://www.itabc.ca/training-provider-resources>. Training providers are required to complete an ITA Exam Request Form six to eight weeks prior to the scheduled exam date. Training providers are encouraged to identify courses using the Session ID to aid in confirmation of exam type. ITA will provide an invigilator for these exams.

Calculating and Submitting Final Process

Marks for Blended Exams:

- ITA administers the exam, records the mark in Direct Access (DA), and reports it to the training provider.
- The training provider blends the in-school (80%) and SLE (20%) marks to produce a final mark for the level (or as indicated in the Assessment Guidelines).
- The training provider reports the final, blended mark to ITA and records it in DA.
- DA reports the final, blended mark to the apprentice as a single percentage score.
 - When the final mark is entered into DA, the system performs a reverse calculation using the SLE mark to determine the in-school mark.
 - All three marks are stored in the apprentice's record, but only the final blended mark is reported on the ITA transcript.
 - A blended mark of 70% or greater is required to pass the level.

For more information:

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