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Program:	**PLUMBER**
To:	ITA Training Providers Articulation Chair System Liaison Person School Districts
RE:	**OPSN 2022 003.1 Amendment**
Effective Date:	**April 1, 2022**

Information: This is an amendment to OPSN 2022 003 issued on February 11, 2022. **This amendment announces a revised code book requirement for the Plumber Harmonized Level 2 (HL2) Standardized Level Exam (SLE).**

All students attending **Plumber HL2** technical training **beginning on or after April 1, 2022** will be required to write the Plumber HL2 SLE. The exam will contribute 20% to an apprentice's final mark.

Apprentices are required to **bring a physical copy** of the following code book to the exam session:

- **National Plumbing Code (NPC) 2015**

Electronic code books are **not** permitted. For more information about code books and calculator requirements, please refer to the ITA website.

An Exam Weighting Chart is available for the **Plumber HL2** SLE on ITA's website. This chart shows the approximate percentage of weighting per General Area of Competency (GAC).

Rationale: ITA has 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 ITA's Training Provider Resources page. 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 Percentage Scores for ITA Level Exams:	**Process**
	
	• 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.
	    o When the final mark is entered into DA, the system performs a reverse calculation using the SLE mark to determine the in-school mark.
	    o All three marks are stored in the apprentice's record, but only the final blended mark is reported on the ITA transcript.
	    o A blended mark of 70% or greater is required to pass the level.

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