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Program: Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician

- To:** ITA Training Providers
Articulation Chair
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- Subject:** **Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician - Deactivation**
- OPSN No.:** **OPSN 2022 005**
- Effective Date:** October 1, 2022
- Summary of Change:** The Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician (Prep Tech) program will be deactivated as of **October 1, 2022**.
- Details:** This program was inactivated on April 1, 2021 as part of the implementation of the harmonized Automotive Refinishing Technician and Auto Body and Collision Technician (Refinishing and Collision) programs. The Prep Tech training content is covered in the Harmonized Refinishing program.
- Inactivation lasts for 18 months. The program is deactivated once all registered apprentices have completed the program or when the inactive period of 18 months has passed. Deactivated programs are removed from the ITA website.
- Current Apprentices**
- Current Prep Tech apprentices who wish to receive an Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician Certificate of Qualification will have until **October 1, 2022** (18 months from inactivation date) to fulfill the completion requirements.
- After October 1, 2022**, any remaining Prep Tech apprentices will be transitioned to the Harmonized Automotive Refinishing Technician program. Any credits on file will be applied to the new program.

Timelines



Rationale:

The Automotive Painter National Occupational Analysis (NOA, 2013) was reviewed and updated as part of the Pan-Canadian Harmonization Initiative. After a series of consultations, workshops and webinars, a new Red Seal Occupational Standard (RSOS, 2018) was developed to replace the NOA. The revised RSOS and the final harmonization recommendations prompted a full program review in BC.

During this BC program review, industry indicated the need for a more flexible pathway to certification. After extensive consultation, it was determined that a blended pathway for Refinishing and Collision was the best option. In order to implement a Common Core Level 1, it is necessary to remove the Prep Tech Certificate of Qualification.

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