

OFFICIAL PROGRAM STANDARDS NOTIFICATION

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Program: Carpenter

To: ITA Training Providers
Carpenter Provincial Articulation Chair
System Liaison Person
School Districts

Subject: MODIFICATIONS TO THE CARPENTER PROGRAM

OPSN No.: OPSN 2015 002

Effective Date: January 1, 2016

Summary of Change: Please be advised that a technical training duration increase for the Carpenter Program has been approved by Industry Training Authority (ITA).

Rationale: The need for a technical training duration increase was identified by industry through two Industry Needs Analyses and validated by a Program Review.

Details: Industry consultations undertaken in 2010 and again in 2013 indicated the need for an in-school technical training duration increase. The resulting Industry Needs Analysis flagged that, with the addition of program content to the National Occupational Analysis (NOA) over the years, more in-school time was required to ensure that apprentices had sufficient opportunity to be taught the technical content.

A Carpenter Program Review was conducted in November/December, 2014 to align the ITA Carpenter Program to the 2013 National Occupational Analysis (NOA). The review process validated that the program revisions supported a technical training duration increase.

As a result, ITA approved an increase of the duration of technical training from 6 weeks (180 hours) to 7 weeks (210 hours) across all four levels. **The increase to in-school technical training is effective on or after January 1st, 2016.**

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