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**Program: Bricklayer (Mason)**

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

**Subject:** **Bricklayer (Mason) Foundation Program Update**

**OPSN No.:** **OPSN 2016 005**

**Effective Date:** Immediately

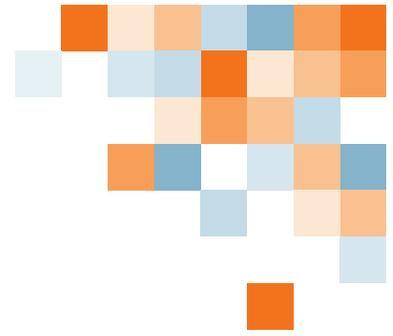
**Summary of Change:** Please be advised that the Standardized Level Exam (SLE) marks will be blended with the in-class marks at a ratio of 80/20 (In-Class Marks/SLE) for the Foundation Program.

**Rationale:** During recent consultations, training providers offering the Bricklayer program recommended the change from a must-pass Standard Level Exam to the 80/20 weighting for Foundation. Exam weighting for the Foundation and Apprenticeship programs is now aligned.

This change to the Bricklayer (Mason) Foundation program will bring it into compliance with ITA policy PA3007, *Administration of ITA Standardized Written Level Examinations*. All ITA Policies are available for review on ITA's website.

### General Information

**Scheduling Exams** Exams are to be requested by training providers via the usual ITA procedure. Training providers are required to complete an ITA Exam Request Form six-to-eight weeks prior to the scheduled exam date. ITA will invigilate these exams unless other arrangements are organized between ITA's Exam Department and the training provider.



**Calculating  
Final  
Percentage  
Scores For  
ITA Level  
Exams**

Process – effective October 1, 2014

- ITA administers the SLE, records the mark in Direct Access, and reports it to the school. The apprentice is not notified when the SLE mark is entered.
- Training providers weight and blend the in-school (80%) and SLE (20%) marks to produce a final mark for the Level (or as indicated in the Assessment Guidelines). That final, blended mark is reported to ITA by the school and recorded in Direct Access.
- Direct Access reports the school's final blended mark for the Level to the apprentice as a single percentage score.
- Once the final Level mark is entered in Direct Access, 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 Level mark is reported on the ITA transcript.

A percentage score of 70% or greater is required to pass when the final in-school percentage score and the final ITA Level exam percentage score are blended.

**Interprovincial  
Red Seal  
Exam (Final  
Level)**

Certification exam results **are not blended** with in-school technical training results in the final Level of the program. ITA Interprovincial Red Seal exams remain a standalone program completion requirement.

In order to achieve certification, Bricklayer apprentices are required to write the Interprovincial Red Seal exam after their final level of technical training.

To be eligible to write the Red Seal exam, apprentices must have passed all Levels of in-school technical training. Red Seal exams are requested by training providers via the usual ITA procedure. A score of 70% or greater is required for a pass on certification exams. ITA administers and invigilates the certification exams and records exam results in ITA Direct Access.

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