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**Programs: Heavy Duty Equipment Technician & Truck and Transport Mechanic**

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

**Subject:** **HDET & TTM Harmonization Update**

**OPSN No.:** **OPSN 2017-010**

**Effective Date:** September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

**Summary of Change:** As a result of the Harmonization initiative, work based training (WBT) hour requirements will change for both apprenticeship and challenge pathways in the Heavy Duty Equipment Technician & Truck and Transport Mechanic trades.

Challenge applicants and prospective apprentices registering into these trades after September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 will be subject to the new requirements.

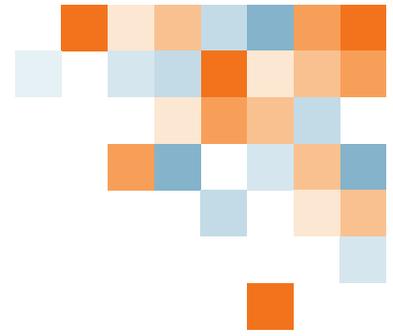
**Rationale:** At the request of industry, the Canadian Council of Directors of Apprenticeship (CCDA)'s Harmonization Initiative was launched in Fall 2013, and endorsed by the Forum of Labour Market Ministers (FLMM) in 2014. The goal of Harmonization is to *substantively align* apprenticeship systems across Canada by making apprenticeship training requirements more consistent in Red Seal trades.

In consultation with stakeholders, the CCDA identified four harmonization priorities:

1. Use of Red Seal **trade name**
2. Consistent **total training hours** (WBT + technical training)
3. Same number of **training levels**
4. Consistent **sequencing** of training content, including use of most recent National Occupational Analysis.

Phase 2 of the Harmonization Initiative sought to harmonize ten trades, which included Heavy Duty Equipment Technician & Truck and Transport Mechanic. After a series of consultations and pan-Canadian webinars, the finalized priorities for Heavy Duty Equipment Technician are as follows:

1. Trade name (no change for BC)
2. Total training hours (WBT + technical training)
  - Apprenticeship: an increase of 360 WBT hours, **see details**
  - Challenge: an increase of 540 WBT hours
3. Number of levels (no change for BC)
4. Sequencing of content – (changes TBD; to be implemented during next program review)



The finalized priorities for Truck and Transport Mechanic are as follows:

1. Trade name (no change for BC)
2. Total training hours (WBT + technical training)
  - Apprenticeship: an increase of 360 WBT hours, **see details**
  - Challenge: an increase of 540 WBT hours
3. Number of levels (no change for BC)
4. Sequencing of content – (changes TBD; to be implemented during next program review)

**Details:**

As BC is currently undergoing a transition in both of these trades, it was determined that no content changes will be implemented until the current transition is complete. At that point a program review will be initiated in order to incorporate these changes. Therefore, for now, the only impact of Harmonization will be in the WBT requirements (outlined in the tables below).

<b>Heavy Duty Equipment Technician Apprenticeship</b>		
	<b>Current Program</b>	<b>Harmonized Program</b>
<b>Technical Training</b>	4 levels, 840 hours	4 levels, 840 hours
<b>Work Based Training</b>	6000 hours	6360 hours
<b>Total Training Hours</b>	6840 hours	7200 hours
<b>Heavy Duty Equipment Technician Challenge</b>		
	<b>Current Program</b>	<b>Harmonized Program</b>
<b>Work Based Training</b>	9000 hours	9540 hours

<b>Truck and Transport Mechanic Apprenticeship</b>		
	<b>Current Program</b>	<b>Harmonized Program</b>
<b>Technical Training</b>	4 levels, 840 hours	4 levels, 840 hours
<b>Work Based Training</b>	6000 hours	6360 hours
<b>Total Training Hours</b>	6840 hours	7200 hours
<b>Truck and Transport Mechanic Challenge</b>		
	<b>Current Program</b>	<b>Harmonized Program</b>
<b>Work Based Training</b>	9000 hours	9540 hours

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