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Program: Deactivation of Industry Training Programs

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

Subject: Deactivation of Industry Training Programs

OPSN No.: OPSN 2017 011

Effective Date: June 30, 2017

Summary of Change: The following six (6) BC recognized training programs have been approved for deactivation, effective June 30, 2017. These programs have met one or more criteria related to ITA Operations Policy PP1002.

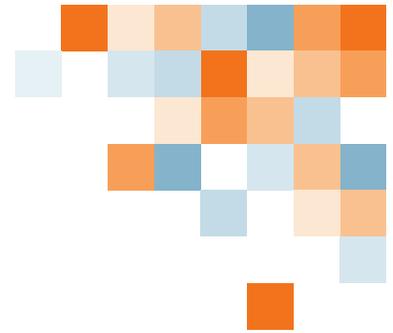
- Geothermal Technician
- Hardwood Floorlayer
- Heating Technician
- Logistics & Distribution 2
- Logistics & Distribution 3
- Residential Framing Technician

Rationale: The Industry Training Authority (ITA) is responsible for delivering effective and cost efficient programs that ensure apprentices receive the technical training and workplace skills industry needs. ITA reviews all programs on a regular basis to assure compliance with ITA policies.

[ITA Operations Policy PP1002](#) – Criteria for Deactivation of Recognized Apprenticeship and Foundation Industry Training Programs – provides a set of criteria for evaluating ITA programs. Programs meeting one or more of the criteria are classified as ‘inactive’ in advance of moving to ‘deactivated’.

Details: On December 21, 2015, ITA issued [OPSN 2015 031](#), which announced that the six trades listed above were being INACTIVATED and that they would be DEACTIVATED on June 30, 2017. Letters were also sent through Direct Access to apprentices and employers informing them that the above programs would be DEACTIVATED once all registered apprentices had completed the program or after the program had been inactivate for a period of 18 months.

After designating the above trades INACTIVE, ITA no longer registered new apprentices into the program, and conducted outreach to help remaining apprentices complete their program and earn their credential where possible. A letter was sent to apprentices and



employers on April 20, 2017 to remind them of the upcoming date for deactivation.

Effective June 30, 2017, the above programs will be DEACTIVATED. The programs will be removed from the ITA website and any remaining apprentices will be de-registered from their programs. It will no longer be possible to gain ITA certification in the above trades in BC.

Attachments: ***ITA Operations Policy PP1002***

This attachment provides details on the criteria for deactivation of recognized apprenticeship and foundation industry training programs.

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