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Program: Automotive Service Technician

To:	ITA Training Providers Articulation Chair System Liaison Person School Districts
Subject:	**Harmonized AST 1 and AST 2 Certificate of Qualification (CofQ) Exam Launch**
RE:	**OPSN 2017 018**
Effective Date:	Immediately
Summary:	ITA is introducing Certificate of Qualification exams for Level 1 and Level 2 of the **Harmonized** AST program. Classes of apprentice technical training for Levels 1 and 2 of the AST program that begin after **September 1, 2017** will be required to sit an ITA CofQ Exam. An Exam Weighting Chart is available for Harmonized AST 1 and AST 2 on ITA's website at http://www.itabc.ca/program/automotive-service-technician-ast-1-2-3-and-4 in the box titled, Harmonized Program Information. This chart shows the approximate percentage of weighting per General Area of Competency (GAC).
Rationale:	ITA has implemented these exams as part of an assessment strategy to ensure consistent outcomes at each program level for apprentices throughout BC.

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.
ITA Certificate of Qualification Exam	Certification exam results are **not** blended with in-school technical training results. ITA Certificate of Qualification exams and Interprovincial Red Seal exams remain stand-alone program completion requirements.

In order to achieve certification, **AST 1 and AST 2** apprentices are required to write the **Certificate of Qualification** exam after the relevant level of technical training.

To be eligible to write the certification exam, apprentices must have a minimum of 70% for the in-school technical training. Certification 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.

Interprovincial Red Seal Exam

(Final Level)

Certification exam results are <u>**not**</u> blended with in-school technical training results in the final Level of the program. Certification exams remain a stand-alone program completion requirement.

In order to achieve certification, AST 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 Interprovincial exams.

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