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Program: Tower Crane Operator

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Subject: Launch of Harmonized Tower Crane Operator Red Seal Program

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Summary of Change: ITA is launching a Harmonized Red Seal program for Tower Crane Operator (TCO) in BC. This Red Seal program will replace the existing BC Certificate of Qualification (CofQ) program. The BC CofQ program will be closed to new registration as of December 1, 2017.

Rationale: As part of the pan-Canadian **Harmonization Initiative** (see *General Information* below for more details), a series of consultations, workshops and pan-Canadian webinars were held to determine the Harmonization recommendations for Tower Crane Operator. The finalized Harmonization recommendations prompted a full program review in BC.

Details: The Harmonized Red Seal program has different completion requirements than the current BC Certificate of Qualification Tower Crane Operator Program.

Tower Crane Operator	Changing in BC?	What will it be?
Trade Name	No	Tower Crane Operator
Total Hours (Technical Training + Work Based)	Yes	3000 (350 technical training + 2,650 work-based)
Number of Training Levels	No	2
Training Sequence (Order of subjects taught)	Yes	Some changes to training sequence

For a complete list of completion requirements for the Red Seal Tower Crane Operator

program, please consult the Tower Crane Operator Program Profile.

Transition

ITA has identified options for current apprentices to achieve certification and will communicate with apprentices, sponsors and challengers in the current program to advise them of their options.

Holders of a BC TCO CofQ may obtain a TCO Red Seal Endorsement by writing and passing the TCO Interprovincial Red Seal exam.

A Tower Crane Operator Transition Plan is posted on the ITA Tower Crane Operator web page.

General Information:**The Harmonization Initiative**

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** (in-school and on-the-job)
3. Same number of **training levels**
4. Consistent **sequencing** of training content, including use of most recent National Occupational Standard.

For more information on the Harmonization Initiative, please visit our website at <http://www.itabc.ca/our-trades-training-system/pan-canadian-harmonization-initiative>.

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