

TRANSITION UPDATE

Issued: March 6, 2023
Trade: Steamfitter/Pipefitter

To: SkilledTradesBC Training Providers
 Articulation Chair
 System Liaison Person
 Youth Train in Trades School Districts

Subject: Transition to Harmonized Program Update

From: SkilledTradesBC - Program Standards

Effective Date: April 1, 2023

Summary: April 1, 2023 is the beginning of Year 5 of the Steamfitter/Pipefitter Transition Plan. Please continue to dual stream Current Level 4 (CL4) alongside Harmonized Level 4 (HL4) as needed to accommodate apprentices who have completed Current Level 3 (CL3).
 For more information about delivering dual streaming, see below.

Implementation Timelines	
Level 1/ Fdn/Youth	April 1, 2019
Level 2	April 1, 2020
Level 3	April 1, 2021
Level 4	April 1, 2022

Year 4 22/23	HL1	HL2 Gap A <i>(If needed)</i>	HL3 CL3	HL4 CL4
Year 5 23/24	HL1	HL2	HL3	HL4 CL4
Year 6 24/25	HL1	HL2	HL3	HL4

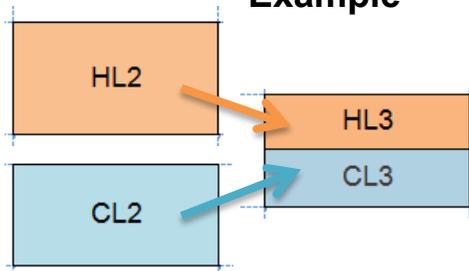
Background: On March 2, 2018 ITA Program Standards issued [OPSN 2018 003.1](#), which detailed the changes to the Steamfitter/Pipefitter Program as a result of the Harmonization Initiative and announced the implementation of a revised Program Outline, effective April 1, 2019. Further to this, on September 20, 2018, ITA issued a [Program Update](#) announcing the [Transition Plan](#).

Dual Streaming: For information about **how to determine which program to register an apprentice in**, please refer to the [Registration Guide for Training Providers](#), or contact assessmentscoordinator@skilledtradesbc.ca.

Where dual streaming is indicated in a transition plan, **apprentices should remain in their program.**

- Apprentices who have completed CL2 cannot transition into the harmonized program. They must take CL3. **(i.e., CL2 take CL3)** Please do not allow apprentices in the current program to register in HL4, as this will result in serious gaps in their training.
- Apprentices with Harmonized Level 2 (HL2) must take HL3. **(i.e., HL2 take HL3)** Apprentices who have completed the previous level in the HL program must take the next level in the HL program. Allowing apprentices to register into the CL program will result in serious gaps in their training.

Example



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