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Program: Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician

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Subject: **Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician - Inactivation**

OPSN No.: **OPSN 2020 007**

Effective Date: April 1, 2021

Summary of Change: The Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician (Prep Tech) program will be inactivated as of **April 1, 2021**.

Details: This program is being inactivated as part of the implementation of the harmonized Automotive Refinishing Technician and Auto Body and Collision Technician (Refinishing and Collision) programs. See [OPSN 2020 006](#) for details of the changes to the Automotive Refinishing Technician program. The Prep Tech training content will be covered in the new Common Core Level 1 that serves both the Refinishing and Collision programs.

Inactivation lasts for 18 months. The program is deactivated once all registered apprentices have completed the program or the inactive period of 18 months has passed. Deactivated programs are removed from the ITA website.

New Registrations

New apprenticeship registrations are not accepted for inactive programs. New registrants will be placed in the Automotive Refinishing Technician program.

Current Apprentices

Current Prep Tech apprentices will have until **October 1, 2022** (18 months from inactivation date) to fulfill the completion requirements. After that they will be transitioned to the Harmonized Automotive Refinishing Technician program.

Timelines



Rationale:

The Automotive Painter National Occupational Analysis (NOA, 2013) was reviewed and updated as part of the Pan-Canadian Harmonization Initiative. After a series of consultations, workshops and webinars, a new Red Seal Occupational Standard (RSOS, 2018) was developed to replace the NOA. The revised RSOS and the final harmonization recommendations prompted a full program review in BC.

During this BC program review, industry indicated the need for a more flexible pathway to certification. After extensive consultation, it was determined that a blended pathway for Refinishing and Collision was the best option. In order to implement a Common Core Level 1, it is necessary to remove the Prep Tech Certificate of Qualification.

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