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Program: Concrete Finisher

To: ITA Training Providers
Articulation Chair
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Subject: **Harmonized Level 1 (HL1) Standardized Level Exam (SLE) Launch**

RE: **OPSN 2019 005**

Effective Date: **April 1, 2019**

Summary: ITA is launching standardized exams for Level 1 of the **Harmonized** Concrete Finisher program. For classes starting after **April 1 2019**, apprentices will be required to sit an ITA Standardized Level Exam upon completion of Level 1 technical training. . The exam will contribute 20% to an apprentice's final mark.

An Exam Weighting Chart for the Harmonized Level 1 SLE is on ITA's website at <http://www.itabc.ca/program/concrete-finisher> in the box titled Standardized Level Exams. This chart shows the approximate percentage of weighting per General Area of Competency (GAC).

Rationale: ITA has implemented Standardized Level 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. Training providers are encouraged to identify courses using the Trades Training BC (TTBC) session ID to aid confirmation of exam type. ITA will invigilate these exams unless other arrangements are organized between ITA's Exam Department and the training provider.

Calculating Final Percentage Scores for ITA Level Exams

Process – effective October 1, 2014

- ITA administers the SLE, records the mark in Direct Access, and reports it to the school. The apprentice is **not** notified when the SLE mark is entered.
- Training providers weight and blend the in-school (80%) and SLE (20%) marks to produce a final mark for the level (or as indicated in the Assessment Guidelines). That final, blended mark is reported to ITA by the school and

recorded in Direct Access.

- Direct Access reports the school's final blended mark for the level to the apprentice as a single percentage score.
- Once the final level mark is entered in Direct Access, the system performs a reverse calculation using the SLE mark to determine the in-school mark. All three marks are stored in the apprentice's record, but only the final level mark is reported on the ITA transcript.

A percentage score of 70% or greater is required to pass when the final in-school percentage score and the final ITA level exam percentage score are blended.

Interprovincial Red Seal Exam (Final Level)

Certification exam results are **not** 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, 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.

ITA administers and invigilates the certification exams and records exam results in ITA Direct Access.

For more information

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