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**Program: Motor Vehicle Body Repairer (Metal and Paint) (Automotive Collision Repair Technician)**

**To:** ITA Training Providers  
Articulation Chair  
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**Subject:** **Automotive Collision Repair Technician Program Update**

**OPSN No.:** **OPSN 2019 007**

**Effective Date:** **September 1, 2020**

**Summary of Change:** Please be advised that this is **advanced notice** of changes to the Apprenticeship Credentialing Model that will be implemented **September 2020**:

- The Auto Collision program will have **4 levels** of technical training.
- The Auto Collision and Refinishing programs will share a **Common Level 1**.

**Details:** As part of the Pan-Canadian review (January-November 2018) of the Red Seal Occupational Standard (RSOS), the jurisdictions agreed to there being **4 levels** of technical training.

In BC, after extensive consultation with industry and training providers, it is decided that Collision and Refinishing will share a **Common Level 1**. The rationale for this change is to

- a. Provide more flexible career pathways, which may assist in recruiting future technicians
- b. Allow apprentices to more easily achieve dual certification in these two related trades
- c. Leverage the common competencies between these two trades, especially at Level 1, as outlined in the RSOS

**NOTE:** The hours assigned to each level will be determined at or after the Program Outline workshops.

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