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**Program: Automotive Painter (Automotive Refinishing Technician)**

**To:** ITA Training Providers  
Articulation Chair  
System Liaison Person  
School Districts

**Subject:** **Automotive Refinishing Technician Program Update**

**OPSN No.:** **OPSN 2019 008**

**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 and Refinishing programs will share a **Common Level 1.**

**Details:** 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

- Provide more flexible career pathways, which may assist in recruiting future technicians
- Allow apprentices to more easily achieve dual certification in these two related trades
- Leverage the common competencies between these two trades, especially at Level 1, as outlined in the Red Seal Occupational Standards (RSOS)

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

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