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**Program: Carpenter**

**To:** ITA Training Providers  
Articulation Chair  
System Liaison Person  
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**Subject:** **Harmonized Level 3 (HL3) Standardized Level Exam (SLE) Launch**

**RE:** **OPSN 2019 017**

**Effective Date:** October 28, 2019

**Summary:** ITA is introducing standardized exams for Level 3 of the **Harmonized** Carpenter program. Classes of apprentice technical training for Carpenter HL3 beginning on or after **October 28, 2019** are required to write the HL3 SLE. The exam will contribute 20% to an apprentice's final mark.

An Exam Weighting Chart for the HL3 SLE is on ITA's website at <http://www.itabc.ca/program/carpenter> 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 in confirmation of exam type. ITA will provide an invigilator for these exams.

**Calculating Final Percentage Scores for ITA Level Exams** **Process – effective October 1, 2014**

The training provider calculates the final percentage score by blending the standardized exam percentage score and the in-school technical training percentage score. In-school technical training (combined theory & practical) is generally weighted at 80% and the ITA standardized exam is generally weighted at 20%.

The blended result is reported to ITA and recorded into Direct Access. A blended

percentage score of 70% or greater is required to pass the level.

**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.

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.

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