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**Program: Rig Technician**

**To:** ITA Training Providers  
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**Subject:** **Rig Technician**

**OPSN No.:** **OPSN 2019 020**

**Effective Date:** December 1, 2019

**Summary of Change:** Inactivate the Rig Technician apprenticeship program in BC.  
Retain the challenge pathway.

**Details:** **Apprenticeship Pathway**  
BC has not offered technical training for the Rig Technician apprenticeship program in 2 years. BC apprentices were taking technical training in AB; however, AB no longer offers technical training for this trade and is in the process of de-designating this apprenticeship program in their jurisdiction. This led to the decision to inactivate the Rig Technician apprenticeship program in BC.

**Challenge Pathway**  
The Challenge pathway for the trade will be preserved. As a result of harmonization of the Rig Technician trade, the trade-related work experience hours for the challenge pathway are 6,750 with no change. The following is the Challenge Pathway:

- Approved Challenge Pathway application
- Rig Technician trade related work experience of 6,750 hours;
- A minimum of 1,000 hours performing Rig Technician Level 3 work, and
- Write and pass the Interprovincial Red Seal Examination with a score of 70% or greater

The successful individual will attain the Rig Technician Certificate of Qualification (CofQ) with Red Seal Endorsement.

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