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**Program: Sprinkler Fitter**

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

**Subject:** **Harmonized Sprinkler Fitter Level 1 (HL1) and Harmonized Sprinkler Fitter Level 2 (HL2) Standardized Level Exam (SLE) Launch**

**RE:** **OPSN 2019 021**

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2020

**Summary:** ITA is introducing standardized level exams (SLE) for Harmonized Level 1 (HL1) and Harmonized Level 2 (HL2) of the Sprinkler Fitter program.

Classes of **Sprinkler Fitter Level 1 (HL1) technical training** that begin on or after **January 1, 2020** will be required to sit the Level 1 SLE.

Classes of **Sprinkler Fitter Level 2 (HL2) technical training** that begin on or after **January 1, 2020** will be required to sit the Level 2 SLE.

The exam will contribute 20% to an apprentice's final mark.

The Sprinkler Fitter Level 2 (HL2) exam references the 2016 NFPA 13. Apprentices are required to bring a physical copy of the NFPA 13 (2016) to the exam session. For more information about code book and calculator requirements, please refer to: <https://www.itabc.ca/exams/writing-your-exams>.

Exam Weighting Charts are available for the HL1 SLE and HL2 SLE on ITA's website at <https://www.itabc.ca/program/sprinkler-fitter> in the box titled, *Standardized Level Exams*. The charts show the approximate 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. For

more information, please see <https://www.itabc.ca/training-provider-resources>. 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 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**

- 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 as indicated in the ITA Program Outline 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.

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