

PROGRAM UPDATE

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Trade: BAKER

To: SkilledTradesBC Training Providers
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Subject: **Transition to Harmonized Baker Program**

From: SkilledTradesBC Program Standards

Effective Date: September 1, 2024

Summary: Please be advised that the Harmonized Baker program will be implemented as of September 1, 2024. The transition plan is now posted on the [trade page](#). Information on the delivery of training provider support is provided below.

Background:

In February 2024, SkilledTradesBC Program Standards issued [OPSN 2024 004](#) which detailed the changes to the Baker program as a result of the Harmonization Initiative and announced the implementation of a revised Program Outline, effective September 1, 2024. It also detailed change to work-based training hours.

Starting on September 1, 2024, please implement the harmonized 3-level Baker program (HL1, HL2, and HL3). 1 day (6 hours) of Training Provider (TP) Support will be offered at HL2 and HL3.

Transition Plan Summary

Implementation Timelines	
Harmonized Level 1 (HL1)	September 1, 2024
Harmonized Level 2 (HL2)	September 1, 2024
Harmonized Level 3 (HL3)	September 1, 2024

Year 0 23/24	CL1	CL2	CL3
Year 1 24/25	HL1	HL2	HL3
		TP Support A 1 day (6 hours)	TP Support B 1 day (6 hours)
Year 2 25/26	HL1	HL2	HL3
		TP Support A 1 day (6 hours)	TP Support B 1 day (6 hours)
Year 3 26/27	HL1	HL2	HL3

NOTES:

Training provider (TP) support at HL2 and HL3 is **not** a requirement for apprentices to get credit for the course. It is offered to training providers to provide support for CL1 apprentices taking HL2 and those CL2 apprentices taking HL3. The gaps faced by these apprentices are relatively small and can be addressed in a variety of ways.

SkilledTradesBC will undertake a communication initiative to ensure that all apprentices, employers, and other internal and external partners are aware of the changes in the program.

Training Provider Support: Training Provider Support is offered to provide flexibility to schools in addressing the minor gaps associated with that level.

Training Provider Support

- is optional
- is **not** a completion requirement for the apprentice
- is **not** recorded in Direct Access
- may be requested by training providers for the levels and years indicated in the transition plan
- Delivery method and schedule is up to the training provider.

Other Information: As of September 1, 2024, Current Standardized Level Exams will no longer be available or challengeable. Students' marks will be based on 100% in-class mark until the Harmonized Standard Level Exams are implemented. Once Harmonized Standard Level Exams are implemented, an Official Program Standards Notice will be issued.

When requesting exams, please indicate clearly whether the class has completed a current or harmonized level.

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