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**Program: Production Horticulturist**

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

**Subject: DEACTIVATION OF PRODUCTION HORTICULTURIST**

**OPSN No.: OPSN 2019 024**

**Effective Date: December 1, 2019**

**Summary of Change:** The BC recognized training program for Production Horticulturist was recently approved for immediate deactivation. This program has met one or more criteria related to ITA Operations Policy PP1002.

Programs are deactivated once all of the registered apprentices have completed the program or the time limit on the 18 month inactive period has passed. The apprenticeship and challenge pathways are no longer available for these programs and certification in BC is no longer achievable.

**Rationale:** ITA has a responsibility to maintain its programs to ensure that they meet the criteria set out in its policies. During 2019/2020, the ITA Program Life Cycle was initiated to support this responsibility.

Following a review of all ITA's programs, some were found to be deficient in terms of meeting the criteria detailed in Policy PP1002 (see attached).

**Details:** This program, which met the criteria, was moved from 'Active' status to 'Inactive' in June 2018. No new apprentices were registered into these programs following inactivation. Outreach was conducted to help remaining apprentices complete their program and earn their credential where possible.

Industry stakeholders for the trade were given a period of 18 months to bring forward a case to ITA for reactivation of the program.

ITA's Quality Assurance Committee approved that the apprenticeship and challenge pathways for this recognized program be deactivated effective the date of this OPSN.

The program pages of these deactivated programs have been removed from the ITA



website.

**Attachments:**

***ITA Operations Policy PP1002***

This attachment provides details on the criteria for deactivation of recognized apprenticeship and foundation industry training programs.

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