

Gasfitter – Class B

Transition Plan
(Updated April 2022)

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Abbreviations

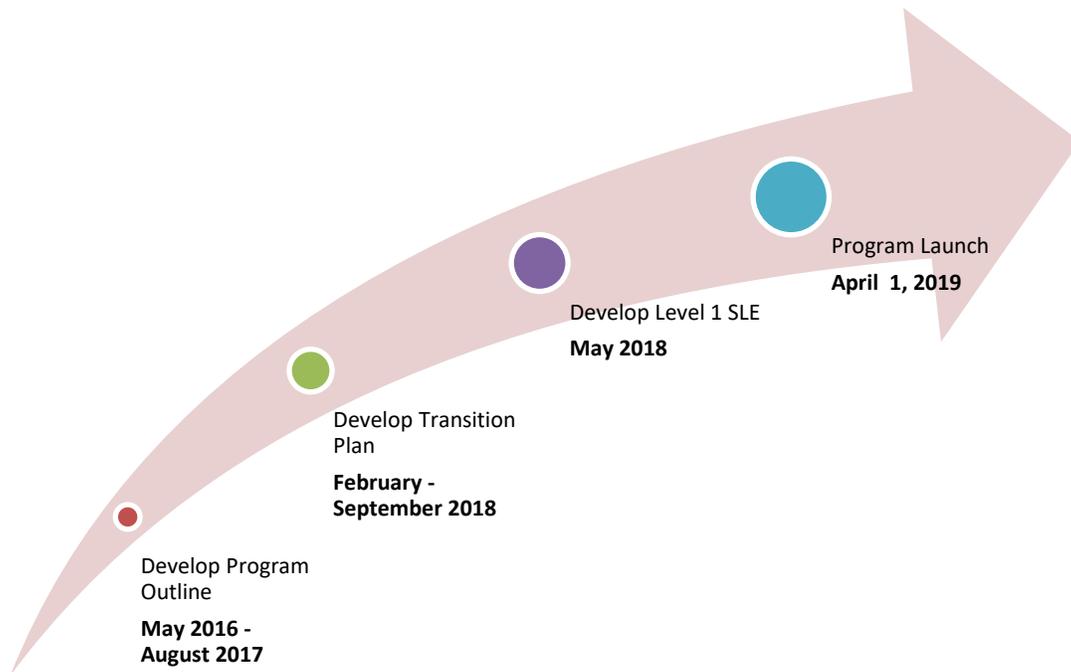
CCDA	Canadian Council of Directors of Apprenticeship
CL	Current level (2012)
DA	Direct Access (ITA's registration system)
FDN	Foundation program
NL	New level (April 2019)
NOA	Red Seal National Occupational Analysis
RSOS	Red Seal Occupational Standard; replaces NOA
SLE	Standardized Level Exam
TP	Training provider
TT	Technical training
TW	Trade worker
WBT	Work-based training

Transition Planning Process

The review and revision of the Gasfitter – Class B program has resulted in significant changes to the content of technical training.

We consulted with the public and private post-secondary training providers that deliver the Gasfitter – Class B program, and also considered the input of Technical Safety BC and our internal partners. We evaluated a number of scenarios, and the transition plan outlined in this document was identified as the best option. We have also ensured that there are options for all current apprentices to complete their apprenticeship.

Program Development and Transition Planning 2017-2018



Training Provider (6)

BC Institute of Technology
Camosun College
Okanagan College
Pacific Vocational College
Thompson River University
Northern Lights College

Apprentice Numbers in Current Program

Apprentice Numbers April 1, 2018

Program	Status	0TT	1TT	Total
Gasfitter – Class B	Active	227	116	343
	Inactive	315	112	427
	Total	542	228	770

Notes on the numbers and estimates:

1. Numbers are as of April 2018
2. **Current Level 2TT** - TWs who have completed L2 TT are not considered in transition planning.
3. **Active** – apprentices for whom activity has been logged in Direct Access (DA) within the last 18 months.
4. **Inactive** – apprentices for whom **no** activity has been logged in DA within the last 18 months.

Apprentice Numbers March 1, 2022

Gas B CL1s	Active	Inactive	Total
NORTH	2	9	11
SOUTH-EAST INTERIOR	0	14	14
ISLAND	4	23	27
LOWER MAINLAND	10	54	64
OTHER	0	2	2
Total	16	102	118

Scenario

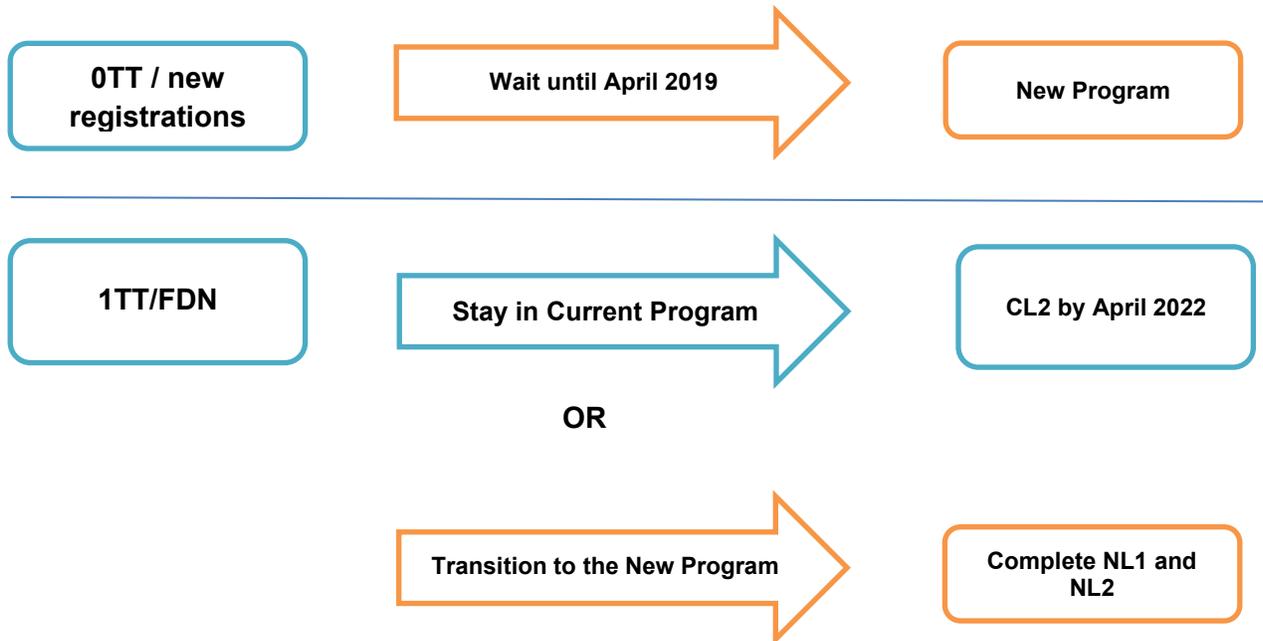
Implementation Timelines	
New Level 1	April 1, 2019
New Level 2	April 1, 2020

Year 0 18/19	CL1	CL2
Year 1 19/20	NL1	CL2
Year 2 20/21	NL1	CL2 background-color: #ffcc99;">NL2
Year 3 21/22	NL1	CL2 background-color: #ffcc99;">NL2
Year 4 22/23	NL1	NL2

Pathways for Apprentices

- **Completed CL1** – complete CL2 or complete NL1 and NL2

Pathways for Current Apprentices (Summary)



Total Training Hours

The following changes to training time for Gasfitter – Class B will come into effect **April 1, 2019**:

- Increased technical training hours in order to accommodate industry review and revision of the training standard **(increase of 120 hours for Level 1 and 2)**
- Decrease of work-based training (WBT) hours in order to align with the standard of 1,800 hours of total training per level **(decrease of 600 hours)**

Apprenticeship Pathway

Current Program	Hours
Technical Training	360
Level 1 = 180 hours	
Level 2 = 180 hours	
WBT Hours	3,600
Current Total Training Hours	3,960

New Program (April 2019)	Hours
Technical Training	600
Level 1 = 300 hours	
Level 2 = 300 hours	
WBT Hours	3,000
Harmonized Total Training Hours	3,600

NOTE: If an apprentice completes the current program, the WBT hours for that program will apply. If they transition, they will complete the decreased hours.

Exams

Exams for the New Program

Because the Gasfitter – Class B program has two levels of technical training, there will be a standardized level exam (SLE) for NL1 only. Apprentices completing NL2 will take the Technical Safety BC Licensing Exam as their final exam.

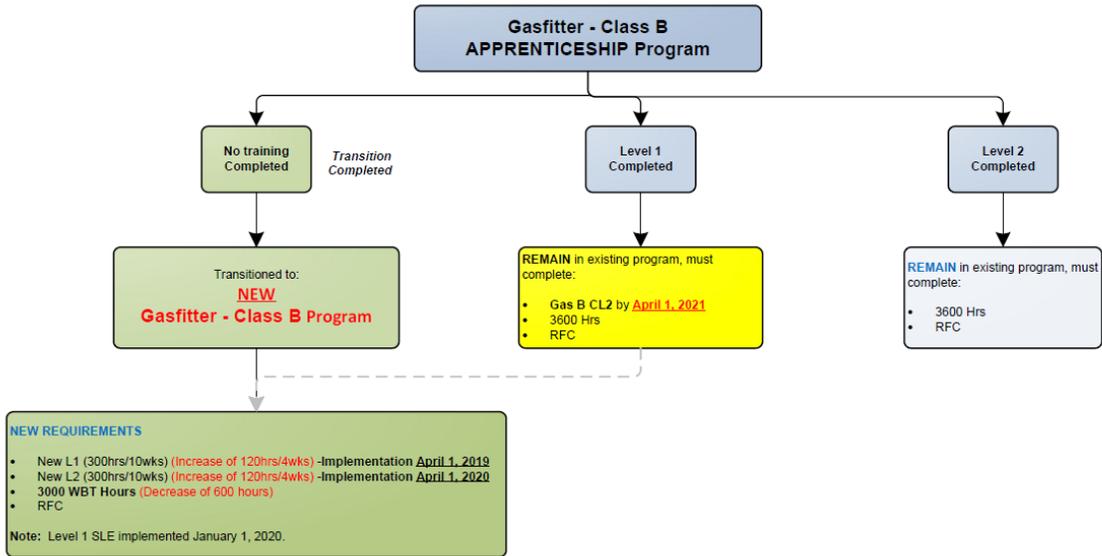
Exam	Exam Development	Exam Launch
NL1	May 2018	January 2020

Appendix A: Communication Plan for Transition

Audience	Purpose	Mode
Training Providers	To announce the changes to training standards and the publication of a new Program Outline and Program Profile on the trade webpage on the ITA website	Official Program Standards Notification (OPSN) via email and posting on trade webpage
Training Providers	To plan for transitioning to the new program	Webinar(s), phone calls and/or face to face meetings
Training Providers	To announce the final transition plan	Program Update and Transition Plan via email and posting on trade webpage
Training Providers	To announce the launch of the harmonized level exams	OPSN via email and posting on trade webpage
Employers	To gather input on transition scenarios	Webinar(s), phone calls and/or face to face meetings
Employers	To inform on the upcoming changes to the program and the pathways to completion for their apprentices	Letters sent through ITA Direct Access (DA)
Employers	To inform on the upcoming changes to the program and the pathways to completion for their apprentices	Presentations at Program Advisory Committees (PAC) and other industry events
Apprentices	To inform on the upcoming changes to the program and their pathways to completion	Letters sent through ITA Direct Access (DA)
Apprentices	To inform on the upcoming changes to the program and their pathways to completion	Targeted outreach via phone and email
Apprentices	To inform on the upcoming changes to the program and their pathways to completion	Classroom visits by Apprenticeship Advisors

Appendix B: Transition Map

Gasfitter - Class B Transition Map EFFECTIVE April 1, 2019



Last Updated: April 6, 2022