

TRANSITION UPDATE

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Trade: Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic (RACM)

To: SkilledTradesBC Training Providers
 Articulation Chair
 System Liaison Person
 Youth Train in Trades School Districts

Subject: Transition to Harmonized Program Update: Year 4

From: SkilledTradesBC Program Standards

Effective Date: Immediately

Summary: In an effort to support apprentices who have not yet transitioned from the current program to the harmonized program, adjustments have been made to the Transition Plan. A revised Transition Plan is available at <https://skilledtradesbc.ca/program/refrigeration-and-air-conditioning-mechanic>, and is summarized in the graphic below.

Apprentices who have completed Current Level 2 (CL2) or Current Level 3 (CL3) should contact their [Apprenticeship Advisor](#) to discuss options for addressing gaps in their training **before** taking their next level of technical training.

Transition Plan

Implementation Timelines	
Level 1/Foundation/Youth	December 1, 2019
Level 2	December 1, 2019
Level 3	December 1, 2020
Level 4	December 1, 2021

Year 0 18/19	CL1	CL2	CL3	CL4
Year 1 19/20	HL1	HL2	CL3	CL4
Year 2 20/21	HL1	HL2	HL3 Gap training 30 hours	CL4
Year 3 21/22	HL1	HL2	HL3 Gap training 30 hours	HL4 CL4
Year 4 22/23	HL1	HL2	HL3	HL4 Gap training* 4 weeks

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Note: Gap Training CL3→HL4: There will be limited intakes of online, synchronous gap training available to apprentices who have completed CL3. These intakes include

- BCIT
 - Starting April 3, 2023; September 4, 2023; January 8, 2024
 - Contact BCIT_apprentice@bcit.ca / 604-456-8100
- Vancouver Island University (VIU)
 - February 21-March 16, 2023
 - Contact Apprentice@viu.ca / 250-740-6227

Background:

On February 20, 2019, ITA Program Standards issued [OPSN 2019-001](#), which announced the implementation of the Harmonized Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic, effective December 1, 2019. In April 2019, the Original Transition Plan, which outlined the implementation schedule and pathways for apprentices in the Current program, was published.

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