

Issued: May 26, 2022  
Trade: Steamfitter/Pipefitter

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

**Subject:** Transition to Harmonized Program Update

**From:** ITA Program Standards

**Effective Date:** April 1, 2022

**Summary:** Please begin offering **Harmonized Level 4 (HL4) as scheduled for April 1, 2022**. Also, dual stream Current Level 4 (CL4) alongside HL4 as needed to accommodate apprentices who have completed Current Level 3 (CL2). Also, continue to dual stream CL3 and HL3.

For more information about delivering dual streaming, see below.

**Background:** On March 2, 2018 ITA Program Standards issued [OPSN 2018 003.1](#), which detailed the changes to the Steamfitter/Pipefitter Program as a result of the Harmonization Initiative and announced the implementation of a revised Program Outline, effective April 1, 2019. Further to this, on September 20, 2018, ITA issued a [Program Update](#) announcing the [Transition Plan](#) summarized in the graphics below:

| Implementation Timelines |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Level 1/ Fdn/ Youth      | April 1, 2019 |
| Level 2                  | April 1, 2020 |
| Level 3                  | April 1, 2021 |
| Level 4                  | April 1, 2022 |

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|------------------------|-----|----------------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Year 0</b><br>18/19 | CL1 | CL2                  | CL3        | CL4        |
| <b>Year 1</b><br>19/20 | HL1 | CL2                  | CL3        | CL4        |
| <b>Year 2</b><br>20/21 | HL1 | HL2<br>Gap A: 5 days | CL3        | CL4        |
| <b>Year 3</b><br>21/22 | HL1 | HL2<br>Gap A: 5 days | HL3<br>CL3 | CL4        |
| <b>Year 4</b><br>22/23 | HL1 | HL2                  | HL3<br>CL3 | HL4<br>CL4 |
| <b>Year 5</b><br>23/24 | HL1 | HL2                  | HL3        | HL4<br>CL4 |
| <b>Year 6</b><br>24/25 | HL1 | HL2                  | HL3        | HL4        |

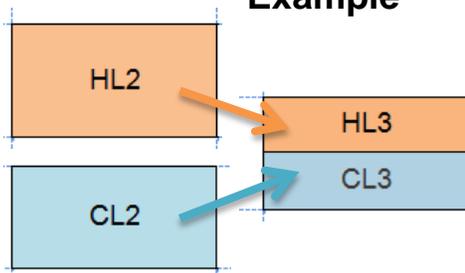
**Dual Streaming:**

For information about **how to determine which program to register an apprentice in**, please refer to the [Registration Guide for Training Providers](#), or contact [assessmentscoordinator@itabc.ca](mailto:assessmentscoordinator@itabc.ca).

Where dual streaming is indicated in a transition plan, **apprentices must remain in their program; transitioning is not allowed.**

- Apprentices who have completed CL3 cannot transition into the harmonized program. They must take CL4. **(i.e., CL3 take CL4)** Please do not allow apprentices in the current program to register in HL3, as this will result in serious gaps in their training.
- Apprentices with Harmonized Level 3 (HL3) must take HL4. **(i.e., HL3 take HL4)** Apprentices who have completed the previous level in the HL program must take the next level in the HL program. Allowing apprentices to register into the CL program will result in serious gaps in their training.

**Example**



HL2 apprentice must take HL3. **Do not register this apprentice for CL3.**

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