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Program: Gasfitter – Class B

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

Subject: **Gasfitter – Class B**

OPSN No.: **OPSN 2018 002.1**

Effective Date: **April 1, 2019**

This amended notification (**OPSN 2018 002.1**) replaces **OPSN 2018 002** issued on January 8, 2018

The effective date of the New Program Outline has been revised. **Level 1 of the New Gasfitter – Class B program will be implemented April 1, 2019.** ITA will continue to work with training providers on transition planning March - April 2018 for level 2.

Summary of Change: Please be advised that a new Program Outline has been posted to the Industry Training Authority (ITA) website at www.itabc.ca.

The following changes have been made to the Domestic/Commercial Gasfitter (Class B) program and will be effective April 1, 2019.

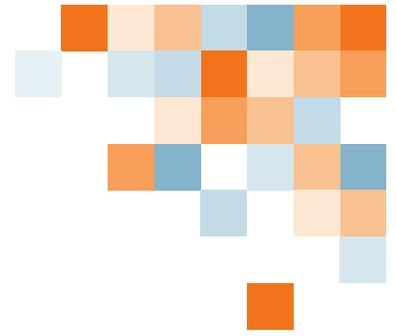
These changes are as follows:

- Trade name change: Gasfitter – Class B
- Gasfitter – Class B Program Outline Update
- Reduction of Work-based Training Hours – 3,000 hours (from 3,600 hours)
- 8 week technical training duration increase:
 - Level 1 – 300 hours, 10 weeks (from 180 hours, 6 weeks)
 - Level 2 – 300 hours, 10 weeks (from 180 hours, 6 weeks)

Note: The ITA Gasfitter – Class B program will not be designated as a Red Seal trade.

Details: A program review for Gasfitter – Class B began in 2015 to determine gaps in the training standards and update content to align with trends and technological advances in the trade as confirmed by industry.

To maintain continuity with the update to the Gasfitter – Class B program, work will begin mid to late 2018 to update the Gasfitter (Class A) program. The Gasfitter (Class A) program will be developed to the Red Seal National Occupational Analysis (NOA)



standard as well as Technical Safety BC (TSBC) standards (formerly known as BC Safety Authority) and will be designated as a Red Seal trade.

ITA will work with TSBC to identify transition strategies for training providers.

ITA is also working on a communication plan to inform apprentices and employer sponsors of the changes to the program.

Please be aware that Training Providers are subject to review by TSBC and must be compliant with TSBC's program approval requirements to deliver Gasfitter – Class B training as per the Safety Standards Act. Further information can be found at www.technicalsaftybc.ca.

Attachments: NA

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