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Trade: Plumber

**To** ITA Training Providers  
Articulation Chair  
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School Districts ITA Training Providers

**Subject** Transition to Harmonized Program Update

**From** ITA Program Standards

**Effective Date** April 1, 2021

**Summary:** Please begin offering **Harmonized Level 3 (HL3) as scheduled for April 1, 2021**. Also, dual stream Current Level 3 (CL3) alongside HL3 as needed to accommodate apprentices who have completed Current Level 2 (CL2).

For more information about delivering gap training or dual streaming, see below.

**Background** On March 2, 2018 ITA Program Standards issued [OPSN 2018 001.1](#), which detailed the changes to the Plumber 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

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

**Gap Training:** 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).

**Gap A Training at HL2**

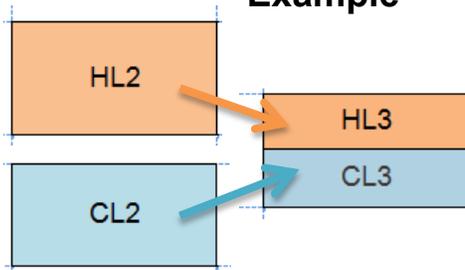
- Apprentices with Current Level 1 (CL1) or Current Foundation (FDN) who transition into the harmonized program require gap training in order to receive credit for HL1.
- Apprentices with Harmonized Level 1 (HL1) or Harmonized FDN do not need to take gap training.
- Gap training is 30 hours; delivery mode and schedule is determined by the training provider. However, it is important that the gap training is completed before the end of HL2.

**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 CL2 cannot transition into the harmonized program. They must take CL3. **(i.e., CL2 take CL3)** 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 2 (HL2) must take HL3. **(i.e., HL2 take HL3)** 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**



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