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**Trade: Automotive Refinishing Technician**

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

**Subject:** Transition to Harmonized Program

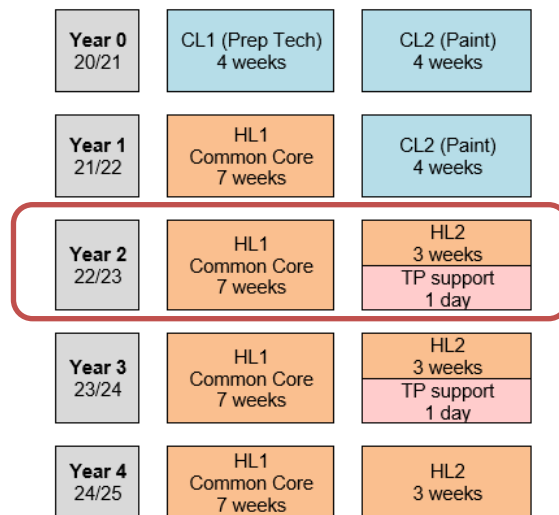
**From:** ITA Program Standards

**Effective Date:** April 1, 2022

**Summary:** **Transition Year 2:** After April 1, 2022, please discontinue offering Current Level 2 (CL2) and begin offering Harmonized Level 2 (HL2). Training providers (TP) can request 1 day TP support (see below for details.)

**Background:** On June 26, 2020, ITA Program Standards issued [OPSN 2020-006](#), which detailed the changes to the Automotive Refinishing Technician Program (previously known as Prep Tech (CL1) and Automotive Painter) as a result of the Harmonization Initiative and announced the implementation of a revised Program Profile and Program Outline, effective April 1, 2021. Further to this, on November 25, 2020, ITA announced and posted the [Transition Plan](#), summarized in the graphic below. On April 1, 2022, we will enter Year 2 of the Transition Plan.

Implementation Timelines		
Year 1	Harmonized Level 1 (HL1) Common Core*	April 1, 2021
Year 2	Harmonized Level 2 (HL2)	April 1, 2022



**Delivery  
Guidelines:**

**Training Provider (TP) Support:**

- Is offered to provide flexibility to schools in addressing the minor gaps associated with that level.
- Is **not** a completion requirement for the apprentice
- Is **not** recorded in Direct Access
- Delivery method and schedule is up to the TPs.
- May be requested by training providers for the levels and years indicated in the transition plan. Please contact the ITA Training Investment department for more information.

**Registration:** For information about registering apprentices in a harmonized program, please refer to the [Registration Guide for Training Providers](#), or contact [assessmentscoordinator@itabc.ca](mailto:assessmentscoordinator@itabc.ca).

**Standard Level Exams (SLEs):** The development and validation of SLEs for HL1 were delayed due to the pandemic. An Official Program Standards Notification (OPSN) announcing the implementation of the SLE will be sent. In the meantime, final marks will continue to be based on in-class marks only.

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