

TRANSITION UPDATE

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**Trade:** Auto Body and Collision Technician (ABCT)

**To:** SkilledTradesBC Training Providers  
Articulation Chair  
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**Subject:** Transition Update: Implementation of Harmonized Level 3

**From:** SkilledTradesBC Program Standards

**Effective Date:** April 1, 2023

**Summary:** Harmonized Level 3 (HL3) will be implemented on April 1, 2023. Please begin offering one week of gap training for apprentices who completed Current Level 2 (CL2). Information on gap training delivery is provided below, and details of the gaps are available in the [Transition Plan](#).

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Transition Plan Summary

Implementation Timelines		
Year 1	Harmonized Level 1 (HL1) Common Core*	April 1, 2021
Year 2	Harmonized Level 2 (HL2)	April 1, 2022
Year 3	Harmonized Level 3 (HL3)	April 1, 2023
Year 4	Harmonized Level 4 (HL4)	April 1, 2024

<b>Year 0</b> 20/21	CL1 5 weeks	CL2 5 weeks	CL3 6 weeks	
<b>Year 1</b> 21/22	HL1 Common Core 7 weeks	CL2 5 weeks	CL3 6 weeks	
<b>Year 2</b> 22/23	HL1 Common Core 7 weeks	HL2 6 weeks TP support 2 days	CL3 6 weeks	
<b>Year 3</b> 23/24	HL1 Common Core 7 weeks	HL2 6 weeks TP support 2 days	HL3 6 weeks Gap B Training 1 week	
<b>Year 4</b> 24/25	HL1 Common Core 7 weeks	HL2 6 weeks	HL3 6 weeks Gap B Training 1 week	HL4 6 weeks
<b>Year 5</b> 25/26	HL1 Common Core 7 weeks	HL2 6 weeks	HL3 6 weeks	HL4 6 weeks

**Gap Training:**

Where gap training is indicated in a transition plan, training providers are asked to provide gap training to apprentices transitioning from the current program into the harmonized program. Training providers can determine the delivery mode and scheduling, providing the gap training is completed by the end of the harmonized level.

**Who requires gap training?**

- Apprentices who took the previous level in the current program need to take gap training with the harmonized level.
- Apprentices who took the previous level in the harmonized program do **not** need to take gap training.

**Background:**

On June 26, 2020, ITA Program Standards issued [OPSN 2020 005](#), which announced the implementation of Harmonized Auto Body and Collision Technician, effective April 1, 2021. In November 2020, the original Transition Plan, which outlined the implementation schedule and pathways for apprentices in the Current program, was published.

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