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**Program: Construction Electrician**

**To:** ITA Training Providers  
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**Subject:** **Construction Electrician (CE) Program Update**

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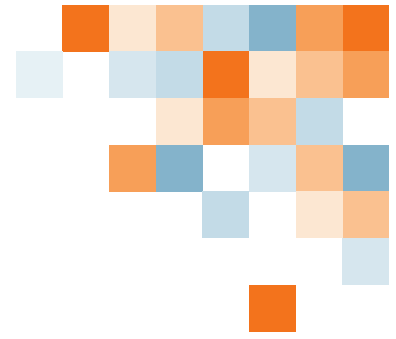
**Effective Date:** September 1, 2017

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

The following changes have been made to the Construction Electrician program in BC:

- Revision to the sequence of training topics to align with recommended Harmonization sequencing. See the revised Occupational Analysis Chart in the Program Outline.
- The Harmonized sequencing will allow for levels 1, 2 and 3 to be delivered as Electrician Common Core to serve both Construction Electrician and Industrial Electrician programs.

**Rationale:** The Construction Electrician National Occupational Analysis (NOA, 2011) was reviewed and updated as part of **the pan-Canadian Harmonization Initiative** (see *General Information* below for more details). After a series of consultations, workshops and pan-Canadian webinars, a new Red Seal Occupational Standard (RSOS) was developed to replace the NOA. The revised RSOS and the finalized harmonization recommendations prompted a full program review in BC. A review was conducted in November - December 2016 to align the BC Construction Electrician Program to the CE RSOS.



**Details:** The four Harmonization priorities for Construction Electrician are as follows:

Construction Electrician	Changing in BC?	What will it be?
Trade Name	No	Construction Electrician
Number of Training Levels	No	4 (300 hrs per level)
Total Hours (Technical Training + Work Based)	No	7200 (1200 technical training + 6000 work-based)
Training Sequence (Order of subjects taught)	Yes	Some changes to training sequence resulting in 3 levels of common training for Construction Electrician and Industrial Electrician

ITA will be working to map the migration of competencies across levels from the old to the new program outline. This will be distributed by OPSN in the near future. ITA will also work with training providers to identify strategies for transitioning to the harmonized program. ITA will develop a communication plan to inform apprentices and employers of the changes to the program.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION: The Harmonization Initiative

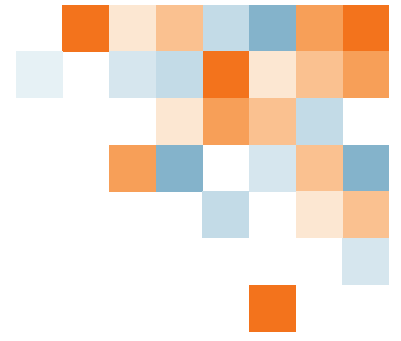
At the request of industry, the Canadian Council of Directors of Apprenticeship (CCDA)'s Harmonization Initiative was launched in Fall 2013, and endorsed by the Forum of Labour Market Ministers (FLMM) in 2014. The goal of Harmonization is to *substantively align* apprenticeship systems across Canada by making apprenticeship training requirements more consistent in Red Seal trades.

In consultation with stakeholders, the CCDA identified four harmonization priorities:

1. Use of Red Seal **trade name**
2. Consistent **total training hours** (in-school and on-the-job)
3. Same number of **training levels**
4. Consistent **sequencing** of training content, including use of most recent National Occupational Standard.

For more information on the Harmonization Initiative, please visit our website at <http://www.itabc.ca/our-trades-training-system/pan-canadian-harmonization-initiative>.

**Attachments:** None.



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