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Program: MOBILE CRANE OPERATOR

To: ITA Training Providers
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Subject: **MOBILE CRANE OPERATOR (MCO) Program Update**

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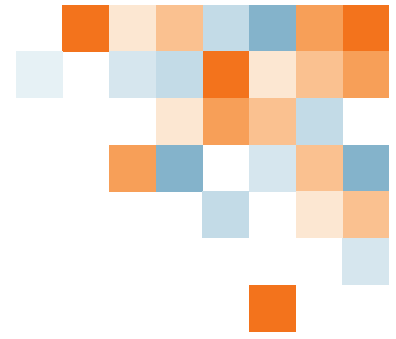
Effective Date: January 1, 2017

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 Mobile Crane Operator program in BC:

- Three programs have been merged into one Red Seal Program called Mobile Crane Operator
 1. Mobile Crane Operator – Lattice Boom Friction Crane
 2. Mobile Crane Operator – Lattice Boom Hydraulic Crane
 3. Mobile Crane Operator –Hydraulic Unlimited Tonnage
- The new program has three levels of technical training
- The sequence of training topics has been revised to align with recommended Harmonization sequencing. See the revised Occupational Analysis Chart in the Program Outline.

Rationale: As part of the pan-Canadian **Harmonization Initiative** (see *General Information* below for more details), a series of consultations, workshops and pan-Canadian webinars were held to determine the harmonization recommendations for Mobile Crane Operator. The finalized harmonization recommendations prompted a full program review in BC.



Details: The four Harmonization priorities for Mobile Crane Operator are as follows:

Mobile Crane Operator	Changing in BC?	What will it be?
Trade Name	Yes	Mobile Crane Operator
Total Hours (Technical Training + Work Based)	Yes	5400 (420 technical training + 4,980 work-based)
Number of Training Levels	Yes	3
Training Sequence (Order of subjects taught)	Yes	Some changes to training sequence

ITA is working with training providers to identify strategies for transitioning to the harmonized program. ITA is also working to inform apprentices and employers of the changes to the program.

GENERAL INFORMATION: The Harmonization Initiative

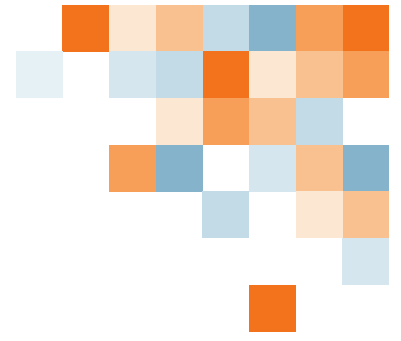
At the request of industry, the Canadian Council of Directors of Apprenticeship (CCDA)'s Harmonization Initiative was launched in Fall 2013, and endorsed by the Forum of Labour Market Ministers (FLMM) in 2014. The goal of Harmonization is to *substantively align* apprenticeship systems across Canada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