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Program: IRONWORKER GENERALIST

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Effective Date: Immediately

Information

ITA Standardized Level Exams are being introduced for Ironworker Generalist. For classes starting after **June 8, 2018**, apprentices will be required to sit an ITA Standardized Level Exam upon completion of technical training for Level 1 and upon completion of technical training for Level 2. Each exam will contribute 20% to an apprentice's final mark.

An Exam Weighting Chart for Level 1 and 2 is available on ITA's website. This chart shows the approximate percentage of weighting per General Area of Competency (GAC).

Rationale:

ITA has implemented Standardized Level Exams as part of an assessment strategy to ensure consistent outcomes at each program level for apprentices throughout BC.

General Information

Scheduling Exams

Exams are to be requested by training providers via the usual ITA procedure. Training providers are required to complete an ITA Exam Request Form six to eight weeks prior to the scheduled exam date. ITA will invigilate these exams unless other arrangements are organized between ITA's Exam Department and the training provider.

Calculating Final Percentage Scores For ITA Level Exams

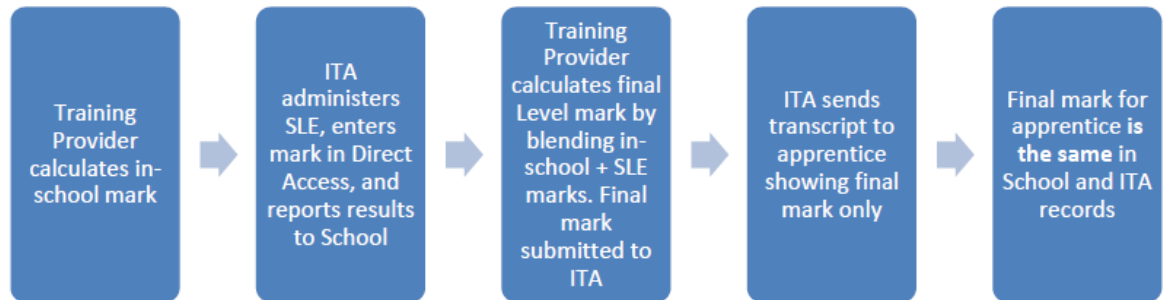
Process – effective October 1, 2014 (refer to Figure 1)

- ITA administers the SLE, records the mark in Direct Access, and reports it to the school. The apprentice is **not** notified when the SLE mark is entered.
- Training providers blend the in-school (80%) and SLE (20%) marks to produce a final mark for the Level (or as indicated in the Assessment Guidelines). That final, blended mark is reported to ITA by the school and recorded in Direct Access.
- Direct Access reports the school's final blended mark for the Level to the apprentice as a single percentage score.
- Once the final Level mark is entered in Direct Access, the system performs a reverse calculation using the SLE mark to determine the in-school mark. All three marks are stored in the apprentice's record, but only the final Level mark is

reported on the ITA transcript.

A percentage score of 70% or greater is required to pass when the final in-school percentage score and the final ITA SLE percentage score are blended.

Figure 1. Process for calculating and reporting marks for technical training with SLE



Interprovincial (Red Seal) Exam (Final Level)

In order to achieve certification, Ironworker Generalist apprentices are required to write the Interprovincial (Red Seal) exam after their final level of technical training.

Certification exam results are **not** blended with in-school technical training results in the final level of the program. Certification exams remain a stand-alone program completion requirement.

To be eligible to write the Interprovincial exam, apprentices must have passed all levels of in-school technical training. Interprovincial exams should be requested by training providers via the usual ITA procedure.

A score of 70% or greater is required for a pass on the Interprovincial (Red Seal) exam.

ITA will administer and invigilate the qualification exam and record exam results in ITA Direct Access.

For more information

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