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Program: Construction Electrician and Industrial Electrician

To: ITA Training Providers
Articulation Chair
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Subject: **Harmonized Electrician Common Core Level 1 (HL1) and Harmonized Electrician Common Core Level 2 (HL2) Standardized Level Exam (SLE) Launch**

RE: **OPSN 2019 019**

Effective Date: January 1, 2020

Summary: ITA is introducing standardized level exams (SLE) for Electrician Common Core Level 1 (HL1) and Electrician Common Core Level 2 (HL2) of the Construction Electrician and Industrial Electrician programs.

Classes of **Electrician Common Core Level 1 (HL1)** technical training that begin on or after **January 1, 2020** will be required to sit the Level 1 SLE.

Classes of **Electrician Common Core Level 2 (HL2)** technical training that begin on or after **January 1, 2020** will be required to sit the Level 2 SLE.

The exam will contribute 20% to an apprentice's final mark.

Exams are compliant with the 2015 CEC and the 2018 CEC. Apprentices are required to bring a physical copy of either the 2015 CEC or the 2018 CEC to the exam session. For more information about code book and calculator requirements, please refer to: <https://www.itabc.ca/exams/writing-your-exams>.

An Exam Weighting Chart and Exam Formula Sheet are available for the HL1 SLE and HL2 SLE on ITA's website at <https://www.itabc.ca/program/electrician-construction> and <https://www.itabc.ca/program/electrician-industrial> in the box titled *Standardized Level Exams*. The charts show the approximate weighting per General Area of Competency (GAC). The formula sheet that will be provided for both exams is also included.

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. For more information, please see <https://www.itabc.ca/training-provider-resources>. Training providers are required to complete an ITA Exam Request Form six-to-eight weeks prior to the scheduled exam date. Training providers are encouraged to identify courses using the Session ID to aid in confirmation of exam type. ITA will provide an invigilator for these exams.

Calculating Final Percentage Scores for ITA Level Exams:

Process – effective October 1, 2014

- 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 weight and blend the in-school (80%) and SLE (20%) marks to produce a final mark for the Level as indicated in the ITA Program Outline 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 Level exam percentage score are blended.

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