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Trade: Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic

To ITA Training Providers
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Subject Transition to Harmonized Program

From ITA Program Standards

Effective Date December 1, 2019

Information On February 20, 2019, ITA Program Standards issued [OPSN 2019 001](#), which detailed the changes to the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic program as a result of the Harmonization Initiative and announced the implementation of a revised Program Outline, effective December 1, 2019.

Subsequently, Program Standards consulted with the public and private post-secondary institutions that deliver the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic program. We also considered the input of our internal departments. We evaluated a number of scenarios, and the transition plan outlined below was identified as the best option. We have ensured that there are options for all current apprentices to complete their apprenticeships.

ITA has begun a communication initiative that will ensure that all apprentices, employers and other internal and external partners are aware of changes to the program.

For details, please refer to the full Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic Transition Plan available on the webpage at <https://www.itabc.ca/program/refrigeration-and-air-conditioning-mechanic-refrigeration-mechanic>.

Implementation Timelines	
Level 1/Foundation/Youth	December 1, 2019
Level 2	December 1, 2019
Level 3	December 1, 2020
Level 4	December 1, 2021

Year 0 18/19	CL1	CL2	CL3	CL4
Year 1 19/20	HL1	HL2	CL3	CL4
Year 2 20/21	HL1	HL2	HL3 Gap training 30 hours	CL4
Year 3 21/22	HL1	HL2	HL3 Gap training 30 hours	HL4 CL4
Year 4 22/23	HL1	HL2	HL3	HL4

As announced in [OPSN 2019 001](#), the Technical training (TT) time has changed as follows:

	Current	Harmonized
Level 1	180 hours (6 weeks)	180 hours (6 weeks)
Level 2	180 hours (6 weeks)	210 hours (7 weeks)
Level 3	240 hours (8 weeks)	300 hours (10 weeks)
Level 4	240 hours (8 weeks)	300 hours (10 weeks)
Total	840 hours (28 weeks)	990 hours (33 weeks)

Please note that the increase of technical training hours applies only to Harmonized Levels.

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