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**Trade: Automotive Service Technician (AST)**

**To** ITA Training Providers  
Articulation Chair  
System Liaison Person  
School Districts ITA Training Providers

**Subject** Transition to Harmonized Program Update

**From** ITA Program Standards

**Effective Date** Immediately

**Background** On February 27, 2017, ITA Program Standards issued [OPSN 2017-002](#), which detailed the changes to the AST Program as a result of the Harmonization Initiative and announced the implementation of a revised Program Outline, effective September 1, 2017. Further to this, on November 9, 2017, ITA issued a [Program Update](#) announcing the [Transition Plan](#), summarized in the graphics below:

Implementation Timelines	
Level 1/ Foundation/ Youth	September 1, 2017
Level 2	September 1, 2017
<b>Level 3</b>	<b>September 1, 2018</b>
Level 4	September 1, 2019

<b>Year 0</b> 16/17	CL1	CL2	CL3	CL4
<b>Year 1</b> 17/18	HL1	HL2	CL3	CL4
<b>Year 2</b> 18/19	HL1	HL2	HL3	CL4
			CL3	
<b>Year 3</b> 19/20	HL1	HL2	HL3	HL4
			CL3	CL4
<b>Year 4</b> 20/21	HL1	HL2	HL3	HL4
				CL4
<b>Year 5</b> 21/22	HL1	HL2	HL3	HL4

**General  
Transition  
Information**

As we approach Year 2 of transition and the implementation of **Harmonized Level 3 (HL3)**, ITA would like to revisit some key points:

**Dual Streaming of Current Level 3 (CL3) and HL3**

Because the gap (i.e. content that an apprentice would be missing) for apprentices moving from Current Level 2 (CL2) to HL3 is large, it was determined that gap training would not be feasible. Therefore, we are asking training providers to **dual stream CL3 and HL3** in order to allow apprentices in the current program to train out. This may be achieved by

- Offering CL3 and HL3 during the same training periods
- Offering CL3 and HL3 in alternating training periods
- Working with other training providers in the same region to offer CL3 at one location and HL3 at another location

Please contact ITA Training Investment department ([investment@itabc.ca](mailto:investment@itabc.ca)) with any questions about funding, and contact ITA Completions department ([completions@itabc.ca](mailto:completions@itabc.ca)) for information on how to obtain a list of apprentices in your area who are in the current program who require CL3.

**General Transition Notes**

- Apprentices **who have completed CL2 must complete their training in the current program**. Please **do not** allow apprentices in the current program to register in HL3 as this will result in serious gaps in their training.
- Apprentices **who have completed HL2 must complete their training in the harmonized program**. Please **do not** allow apprentices in the harmonized program to register for CL3 as this will result in serious gaps in their training.
- When requesting exams, please indicate clearly whether the class has completed CL3 or HL3.

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