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Program: Welder Level 'C'

To: All ITA Training Providers
ACE IT School Districts
Welding Articulation Committee
BC Safety Authority

RE: REF 2009 001
**IMPLEMENTATION DELAY FOR WELDER LEVEL 'C'
CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION (C of Q) EXAMINATION**

Timing: Effective immediately (March 5, 2009)

Information: Please be advised that (effective immediately) the implementation of the Welder 'C' CofQ exam as a certification requirement for the Welder 'C' program is delayed until further notice.

The ITA, in cooperation with the Resource Training Organization (RTO), will be initiating a process to work with training providers to develop an implementation plan for the introduction of the C of Q exam as a certification requirement.

All other certification requirements remain in effect as per the program profiles posted on the ITA website (www.itabc.ca). As of September 2008, this includes the delivery of in-school training based on the new Program Outline approved by the ITA in February 2008 (also available at www.itabc.ca). Note that apprentices registered prior to September 2008 have the option of completing the program based on the requirements in effect at the time of their registration.

The ITA regrets any inconvenience this delay may cause and looks forward to working collaboratively to develop an implementation plan that meets the needs of industry, training providers and apprentices.

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