

**★ OFFICIAL PROGRAM STANDARDS NOTIFICATION ★****Issued: October 7, 2009****Program: WELDER LEVEL C**

**To:** All ITA Training Providers  
ACE IT School Districts  
Resource Training Organization (RTO)  
Welding Articulation Committee  
BC Safety Authority

**RE:** **REF 2009 001.1**  
**IMPLEMENTATION DELAY FOR NEW WELDER LEVEL C**  
**PROGRAM STANDARD**

**Timing:** Effective Date: Immediately

**Information:** This note is an update on the status of the Welder Level “C” trade further to the Official Program Standards Notification (OPSN 2009 001) regarding this trade issued on March 5, 2009.

As noted in OPSN 2009 001, the Resource Training Organization (RTO) has been working in consultation with industry and training providers on the modifications to the Welder Level “C” Program and a new program standard has been developed for the trade.

The new program standard includes additional competencies. Feedback from some training providers suggests that additional instructional time *may* be required for delivery of in-school training according to the new standard. As a result, RTO is undertaking a review process to verify the required competencies and the required instruction time.

**Please be advised that implementation of the new program standard is delayed until further notice. For planning purposes, a September 2010 implementation date has been identified.**

A copy of the current program profile called “Welder Level C Profile” is posted on the ITA web site at [www.itabc.ca](http://www.itabc.ca). For information purposes only, a copy of the new program profile, called “Welder Level C Profile 2010” is also available on the web site.

## **Background**

### **Program Structure**

In BC, the Welder Level C program is currently offered in two formats:

- 1) Apprenticeship, consisting of:
  - Two levels of in-school training sessions, each 6 weeks in duration; and,
  - 1440 hours of work-based training.
- 2) Modular format, consisting of:
  - 28 weeks of in-school training; and,
  - 750 hours of work-based training.

### **In-School Training**

As per the current Welder Level C program standard, training providers will continue delivering in-school training for both the modular and apprenticeship Welder C programs.

The program standards identified in the current “Welder Level C Profile” are in effect until the new program standard is officially launched.

### **Work-Based Training**

Work-based training requirements differ depending on the format of the program (apprenticeship or modular) and the start date of in-school training. These requirements are summarized below.

<b>Welder C Work-based Training Requirements</b>			
<b>Program Format</b>	<b>Start Date of In-school Training</b>	<b>Work-based Training Requirement</b>	<b>Credential Issued</b>
Modular	Prior to Sep1/08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 months (750 hrs) documented in log book</li> <li>• Logbook and Welder Modular Registration form submitted to ITA Customer Service for verification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welder "C" - Certification of Qualification</li> </ul>
Modular	After Sep 1/08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1000 hours documented in logbook</li> <li>• Logbook and Welder Modular Registration form submitted to ITA for verification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welder "C" - Certification of Qualification</li> <li>• Certificate of Apprenticeship (for individuals registered with the ITA as a Welder Level C apprentice and who have an industry sponsor)</li> </ul>
Apprenticeship	Prior to Sep 1/08 and individual is registered with the ITA as an apprentice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1440 hours</li> <li>• Work-based Training Hours report submitted to ITA or hours documented in Welder Logbook and Logbook submitted to ITA for verification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welder "C" - Certification of Qualification</li> <li>• Welder "C" -- Certificate of Apprenticeship</li> </ul>
Apprenticeship	After Sep 1/08 and individual is registered with the ITA as an apprentice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1000 hours</li> <li>• Work-Based Training Hours report submitted to ITA or hours documented in Welder Logbook and Logbook submitted to ITA</li> <li>• Recommendation for Certification form submitted to ITA by sponsor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welder "C" - Certification of Qualification</li> <li>• Welder "C" -- Certificate of Apprenticeship</li> </ul>

## **Assessment**

### **Logbooks**

Training providers are expected to continue issuing Welder Logbooks which must be signed-off by the program welding instructor after successful completion of either the modular or Level 1 apprenticeship program.

### **Certificate of Qualification (C of Q) Exam**

There is no requirement for a Certificate of Qualification exam under the current program standard for Welder Level C.

The Welder Level "C" Certificate of Qualification exam requirement noted in the new program standard will not be implemented until the review has been completed and the new standard is officially launched.

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