

★ OFFICIAL PROGRAM STANDARDS NOTIFICATION ★**Issued: May 4, 2009****Program: Drywall Finisher**

To: ITA Training Providers
Construction Industry Training Organization (CITO)
ACE IT School Districts
Carpentry Articulation Committee

RE: **REF: 2009 005**
UPDATE TO DRYWALL FINISHER PROGRAM

Timing: Effective: May 1, 2009

Information: Please be advised that an updated program standard for the Drywall Finisher apprenticeship program has been approved by the ITA. An updated program profile and program outline is posted on the ITA website at www.itabc.ca.

Delivery of training for the Drywall Finisher apprenticeship program is to be based on the updated program outline as of May 1, 2009.

ASSESSMENT**In-school Training**

Training providers delivering Drywall Finisher Apprenticeship levels one and two in-school training are required to submit the following assessment result for each apprentice for entry in ITADirectAccess:

- An in-school mark in the form of a percentage (min. 70% is required for a pass)

The in-school mark is a combined theory and practical assessment determined on the basis of:

- Theory and practical subject competencies. A table showing the subject competencies and weightings for each competency and level is shown in the attached Assessment Guidelines document.
- The theory subject competency mark is calculated based on 50% from accumulated individual competencies and 50% based on the score from a final theory level exam. Until further notice, training providers are expected to use their own proprietary theory level exam.

- The practical subject competency mark is calculated based on 100% from accumulated individual competencies.
- The final in-school mark for entry in ITADirectAccess is calculated by:
 - For Level 1 -- applying a weighting of 40% to the final theory result and a weighting of 60% to the practical result and then adding the two results together.
 - For Level 2 -- applying a weighting of 30% to the final theory result and a weighting of 70% to the practical result and then adding the two results together for level 2.

Successful completion of the in-school training for each level is defined as a score of 70% or greater for the final in-school mark.

ITA STANDARDIZED LEVEL EXAMINATIONS

ITA standardized level exams for the Drywall Finisher apprenticeship program have been developed and are currently being field tested. Once completed, these exams will replace the proprietary theory level exams being used by training providers delivering in-school training for the Drywall Finisher apprenticeship program.

Designated private training providers would ordinarily be expected to arrange an ITA invigilated exam. An exception is being made to allow private training providers to utilize a proprietary exam during the field testing of ITA standardized level exams.

The Construction Industry Training Organization (CITO) is responsible for the administration, as well as the invigilation of exams during the field test process. Field testing is being conducted by CITO at a limited number of training provider sites. Training providers will be notified when the ITA standardized exams are ready for use by training providers.

Questions regarding the administration of field testing process should be directed to: Dave Coleman at Construction Industry Training Organization (CITO) at davec@bccito.ca or (604) 431-1994.

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ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES

Program: Drywall Finisher Apprenticeship

Requirements: In School Training

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Successful completion of the in-school training for each level is defined as a score of 70% or greater for the final in-school mark.

Certificate of Qualification (C of Q) Exam

Apprentices in the Drywall Finisher Apprenticeship program are required to write and pass with a mark of 70% or greater, the Drywall Finisher C of Q exam.

Professional Drywall Finisher C of Q exams may be requested by training providers via the usual ITA procedure.

The ITA will administer and invigilate the C of Q exam and score and record exam results in ITADirectAccess.

Grading Sheet: Subject Competencies and Weightings Tables

Program: Drywall Finisher Apprenticeship In-school Training: Level 1 ITADirectAccess Code: 0035DF01			
Line	Subject Competencies	Theory Weighting	Practical Weighting
A	Use of Safe Work Practices	6%	0%
B	Use of Tools and Equipment	5%	7%
C	Organize Work	6%	2%
D	Install Beads and Trim	6%	8%
E	Apply Tape	5%	12%
F	Fill Drywall	20%	69%
G	Apply Texturing	1%	0%
H	Repair Surfaces	1%	2%
	Final Level Exam	50%	
	Total	100%	100%
	Level 1 in-school mark weighting	40%	60%
	Level 1 in-school mark	X%	

Program: Drywall Finisher Apprenticeship In-school Training: Level 2 ITADirectAccess Code: 0035DF02			
Line	Subject Competencies	Theory Weighting	Practical Weighting
B	Use Tools and Equipment	1%	0%
C	Organize Work	7%	0%
D	Install Beads & Trim	5%	7%
E	Apply Tape	7%	16%
F	Fill Drywall	22%	63%
G	Apply Texturing	5%	11%
H	Repair Surfaces	3%	3%
	Final Level Exam	50%	
	Total	100%	100%
	Level 2 in-school mark weighting	30%	70%
	Level 2 in-school mark	X%	