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★ OFFICIAL PROGRAM STANDARDS NOTIFICATION ★

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**Programs: Rig Technician 1, Rig Technician 2, Rig Technician 3**

**To:** ITA Training Providers  
Resource Training Organization (RTO)

**RE:** REF: 2010 013  
**UPDATE TO RIG TECHNICIAN**

**Timing:** Effective: Immediately

**Information:** Please be advised that an updated program standard for the Rig Technician apprenticeship program has been approved by the ITA. An updated program profile is posted on the ITA website at [www.itabc.ca](http://www.itabc.ca).

Delivery of training for the Rig Technician apprenticeship program is to be based on the updated program profile effective immediately.

**Background**

The Resource Training Organization (RTO) has updated the standards for the Rig Technician program based on consultation with industry. The program review has resulted in a change to the structure of the program from a series of three progressive credentials to a single credential with three levels of technical training.

The Resource Training Organization (RTO) has been working in consultation with industry and the Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors to review the program standards for the Rig Technician trade. This review resulted in a recommendation to ITA that the certification model for the Rig Technician programs be revised. The revised certification model reflects the training and the skill sets that apprentices must achieve as they progress through their apprenticeship. The new program profile for the trade is accessible on the ITA web site [www.itabc.ca](http://www.itabc.ca).

Previously the Rig Technician trade was comprised of a series of progressive credentials that required the apprentices to re-register as an apprentice into a new program after completing each of the progressive programs, Rig Technician 1, Rig Technician 2 and Rig Technician 3. It was found that the program structure was not a good fit for the requirements of the industry. The new apprentice program structure is still comprised of three levels of technical training, but these are now integrated into a single Rig Technician credential. Apprentices are no longer required to re-register after

each level. Upon completion of the work-based hours requirement, all three levels of technical training, and the Recommendation for Certification, apprentices will receive Rig Technician credentials.

Technical Training and Assessment	Work-based Hours	Available Credentials
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rig Technician Level 1 Technical Training and ITA Level Exam</li> <li>• Rig Technician Level 2 Technical Training and ITA Level Exam</li> <li>• Rig Technician Level 3 Technical Training and ITA Level Exam</li> <li>• Interprovincial Exam</li> </ul>	4500 Rig Technician work based hours	Rig Technician Certificate of Apprenticeship and Certificate of Qualification (with Red Seal endorsement)

The anticipated launch date for the new Rig Technician apprenticeship program is May 3, 2010. Apprentices currently registered in the Rig Technician apprenticeship program will not be penalized in any way by these changes. Apprentices will receive full credit for what they have accomplished to date in their program. The Industry Training Authority will be evaluating the apprentice's records and they will be transitioned into the new program based on the technical training that they have successfully completed.

Assessment guidelines for the Rig Tech program are currently being documented will be provided at a later date in an update to this OPSN. No changes are anticipated to current processes for in-school grading of technical training in the program.

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