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★ **OFFICIAL PROGRAM STANDARDS NOTIFICATION** ★

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Program: Plumber

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

RE: REF: 2010 020
UPDATE TO PLUMBER PROGRAM

Timing: Effective: January 1, 2011

Information: Please be advised that ITA has approved an updated program standard for the Plumber apprenticeship program. This involves increasing required work-based hours from 5,620 to 6,420, effective January 1, 2011. There are no other changes to the program standard.

The updated program profile and current program outline for Plumber are posted at www.itabc.ca.

Background

The Construction Industry Training Organization (CITO) has been working with the construction industry to review the program standards for the Plumber trade. Over the past year, CITO completed an industry survey on work-based hours for the Plumber's apprenticeship program, and the results support an increase.

How will this affect registered apprentices?

Nothing changes for apprentices registered with the ITA before January 1, 2011. They will complete their program under the current requirement of 5,620 work-based training hours.

Apprentices registering with the ITA on or after January 1, 2011, will be required to complete their program under the new requirement of 6,420 work-based training hours.

Informing Apprentices and Sponsors

ITA will send letters to current apprentices and their sponsors noting the higher number of required work-based training hours and stating that this will not affect their current program requirement of 5,620 work-based training hours.

Sponsors will be notified that apprentices registered with ITA on or after January 1, 2011, will need to complete the new requirement of 6,420 work-based hours.

The letter to apprentices and sponsors, as well as frequently asked questions, will be posted at www.itabc.ca.

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