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Programs: Heating Technician  
Geothermal Technician

**To:** ITA Training Providers  
Residential Construction Industry Training Organization (RCITO)

**RE:** REF: 2010 - 021  
**UPDATE TO CERTIFIED HEATING TECHNICIAN AND CERTIFIED  
GEOTHERMAL TECHNICIAN PROGRAMS**

**Timing:** Immediately

**Information:** Please be advised that the ITA has approved a number of minor updates to the Certified Heating Technician and Certified Geothermal Technician programs. These changes include:

- removing the word “certified” from the program name; the new names are now: Heating Technician and Geothermal Technician
- specifying that only certified tradespersons in Heating Technician with a Hydronics endorsement are authorized to sign the Recommendation for Certification for Heating Technician apprentices seeking a Hydronics endorsement; similarly, only certified tradesperson in Heating Technician with an endorsement in Forced Air are authorized to sign the Recommendation for Certification for a Heating Technician apprentice seeking a Forced Air endorsement
- extending the transition period for challengers to acquire certification *without* writing the Certificate of Qualification exam **to December 31, 2011.**

These changes are effective immediately. Updated program profiles and program outline documents are available on the ITA website at [www.itabc.ca](http://www.itabc.ca).

**Background**

RCITO in consultation with industry has conducted a review of the Heating and Geothermal Technician apprenticeship programs and recommended the above noted updates which have been approved by the ITA.

## **Assessment**

### **In-school Training**

Training providers delivering in-school training for the Heating Technician and Geothermal Technician apprenticeship programs are required to enter a final in-school percentage mark for each apprentice in ITA DirectAccess.

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.

The in-school mark should be a combined theory and practical assessment determined on the basis of theory and practical subject competencies within the program outline. The theory and practical competency weightings are to be determined by the individual training provider.

The ITA in collaboration with RCITO will be initiating a review and update of the assessment guidelines for the Heating Technician and Geothermal Technician apprenticeship programs and will advise training providers of any changes to the assessment structure.

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