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★ **OFFICIAL PROGRAM STANDARDS NOTIFICATION** ★

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Trade code book and calculator use for Industry Training Authority examinations

To: ITA Training Providers
Industry Training Organizations
ACE IT School Districts
Articulation Committees

RE: REF: 2010 027
TRADE CODE BOOK AND CALCULATOR USE

Timing: Effective: Trade Code Books – January 1, 2011
Calculators – September 1, 2011

Information: Please be advised that an updated program standard for the use of trade code books and calculators has been approved by Industry Training Authority (ITA) and is posted on the ITA website at www.itabc.ca.

Effective January 1, 2011, examination candidates will not be permitted to use their own trade code books during ITA examinations. For all sessions, ITA will supply all candidates with any trade code books that will be required for their examinations.

Effective September 1, 2011, calculators will be supplied to all candidates for ITA examinations. ITA is currently in consultation with other Canadian jurisdictions to determine which types of calculators are suitable for specific trades. Over the next three months, BC training providers and BC Articulation Committees will be consulted to determine which make and model of calculator will be supplied for exam usage. Closer to the implementation date, ITA will provide further information on the chosen make and model of calculator.

Until this procedure is implemented in September 2011, candidates may use a non-programmable calculator of their choice in the examination room, as long as it is not an electronic communication device that can store or transmit data.

Background

Over the past six months, ITA examination procedures, including procedures in other jurisdictions across Canada, were reviewed. The results indicated that the majority of jurisdictional examination departments were supplying trade code books and calculators to candidates for exam writings. This research has resulted in an examination procedural change for BC.

More details on examination procedures are at <http://itabc.ca/Page30.aspx>.

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