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## ★ OFFICIAL PROGRAM STANDARDS NOTIFICATION ★

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### Program: Bricklayer

**To:** ITA Training Providers  
Construction Industry Training Organization (CITO)  
ACE-IT School Districts

**RE:** REF: 2011 007  
UPDATE TO BRICKLAYER (MASON) LEVEL EXAMINATIONS

**Timing:** Immediately

**Information:** ITA Standardized Level Examinations

This note is an update on the status of the Bricklayer (Mason) Program, further to OPSN 2009 017, which was issued on November 16, 2009, and OPSN 2010 002, which was issued on March 11, 2010.

OPSN 2009 017 indicated approval by the Industry Training Authority (ITA) of an updated standard for the Bricklayer (Mason) Apprenticeship Program, and a revised program profile and program outline was posted on ITA's website at [www.itabc.ca](http://www.itabc.ca).

#### 1. Apprenticeship Program

Bricklayer (Mason) apprentices are required to write an ITA standardized theory exam for each level of in-school technical training. These standardized exams have been used as an ITA assessment for the past three years.

In the intervening time, changes have been made to the ITA standardized level examinations. New exam banks have been developed and level exam forms have been validated.

The new Bricklayer (Mason) level exams are effective immediately.

OPSN 2009 017 indicated the required in-school and practical assessment marks for each level of technical training. Refer to the attached Grading Sheet: Subject Competencies & Weighting Tables to determine the percentage calculation to acquire a final in-school mark for each level.

The ITA standardized level exams for each level of technical training was noted at 30% of the final mark.

ITA Direct Access will continue calculating the final mark for each apprentice. ITA Direct Access weighting calculation will continue to be:

- 70% final in-school mark, and
- 30% final level exam mark.

A score of 70% or greater is required for a pass when combining the final in-school mark and the final level exam mark.

ITA standardized theory-level exams may be requested by training providers via the usual ITA procedure.

ITA will administer and invigilate ITA standardized exams, and score and record exam results in ITA Direct Access.

## **2. Foundation Program**

As noted in OPSN 2010 002, Bricklayer (Mason) Foundation Program students are required to write the Level 1 ITA Bricklayer (Mason) standardized theory exam.

The Level 1 ITA Bricklayer (Mason) standardized theory exam may be requested by training providers via the usual ITA procedure.

- Training providers are also requested to have students complete an ITA Direct Access Registration form, which is available on ITA's website at [www.itabc.ca](http://www.itabc.ca). This form should be submitted together with the Exam Request Form to ITA six weeks prior to the scheduled exam date.
- Only students who successfully complete the Foundation Program and the practical assessment are eligible to write the theory exam.
- ITA will administer and invigilate the Level 1 exam, and score and record exam results in ITA Direct Access.

A mark of 70% or greater is required to pass the Level 1 theory exam.

Based on successful completion of the Foundation Program, students will acquire an ITA Certificate of Completion (C of C), but are required to pass the Level 1 theory exam and the practical assessment to receive credit for Bricklayer (Mason) Level 1.

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**Grading Sheet: Subject Competencies and Weightings Tables**

<b>Program:</b>		<b>Bricklayer (Mason) apprenticeship</b>	
<b>In-school Training:</b>		<b>Level 1</b>	
<b>ITA Direct Access Code:</b>		<b>0003BRCE01</b>	
<b>Line</b>	<b>Subject Competencies</b>	<b>Theory Weighting</b>	<b>Practical Weighting</b>
A	Use of Safe Work Practices	15%	7%
B	Use Tools and Equipment	20%	21%
C	Organize Work	24%	14%
D	Perform Routine Bricklayer Practices	17%	8%
E	Apply Masonry Systems	20%	48%
H	Perform Restoration	4%	2%
	Total	100%	100%
	Level 1 subject competency weighting	40%	60%
	<p><b>Level 1 in-school mark:</b> calculated by the training provider by combining the 40% theory and the 60% practical subject competency weightings</p> <p><u>Note:</u> the final technical training level credit is calculated by ITA DirectAccess.</p>	X%	

Program: In-school Training: ITA Direct Access Code:		Bricklayer (Mason) apprenticeship Level 2 0003BRCE02	
Line	Subject Competencies	Theory Weighting	Practical Weighting
C	Organize Work	11%	11%
E	Apply Masonry Systems	38%	21%
F	Apply Stone Systems	16%	7%
G	Build Chimneys, Fireplaces and Refractory Materials	26%	54%
H	Perform Restoration	9 %	7%
	Total	100%	100%
	Level 2 subject competency weighting	40%	60%
	<b>Level 2 in-school mark:</b> calculated by the training provider by combining the 40% theory and the 60% practical subject competency weightings <u>Note:</u> the final technical training level credit is calculated by ITA DirectAccess.	X%	

Program: In-school Training: ITA Direct Access Code:		Bricklayer (Mason) apprenticeship Level 3 0003BRCE03	
Line	Subject competencies	Theory Weighting	Practical Weighting
C	Organize Work	5%	11%
E	Apply Masonry Systems	25%	21%
G	Build Chimneys, Fireplaces Refractory Materials	15 %	7%
H	Perform Restoration	15%	54%
I	Perform Specialized Masonry Work	40%	7%
	Total	100%	100%
	Level 3 subject competency weightings	40%	60%
	<b>Level 3 in-school mark:</b> calculated by the training provider by combining the 40% theory and the 60% practical subject competency weightings <u>Note:</u> the final technical training level credit is calculated by ITA DirectAccess.	X%	