

★ OFFICIAL PROGRAM STANDARDS NOTIFICATION ★

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**Program: Landscape Horticulturist
Production Horticulturist****To: All Training Providers
All School Districts
HortEducationBC****RE: REF: 2011 010
Landscape and Production Horticulture Examinations****Timing: IMMEDIATE****Information:** Effective immediately all Landscape Horticulturist and Production Horticulturist Level examinations are withdrawn from use. This includes Level 1 and 2 common core and Levels 3 and 4 for Landscape Horticulturist and Levels 3 and 4 for Production Horticulturist.**Background:** A new National Occupational Analysis for Landscape Horticulturist was released late in 2010. The new NOA necessitates a realignment of the current ITA level exams, which are currently in the field test stage.

Additionally, the release of the new NOA provides the opportunity to incorporate recommended changes to the Production Horticulture Level exams.

New level examinations for both programs will be available in late 2012. An OPSN advising new exam availability will be issued when they are complete.

In the interim, Training Providers are expected to use their own proprietary level exams and calculate students' final mark as follows:

- 80% based on combined theory and practical in-school achievement and
- 20% based on the score achieved on the final theory level exam.

Successful completion of the in-school training is defined as a final mark of 70% or greater. Training Providers are responsible for entering a final Level mark in ITA Direct Access. The ITA Certificate of Qualification examinations for challenge will remain available for both programs. Please refer to the "Certification Challenge Application" for details and requirements for challenging under the respective program headings on the ITA website at www.itabc.ca

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