

Issued: September 5, 2014

Programs: Production Horticulturist

To: ITA Training Provider
HortEducationBC (HEBC)
All School Districts

RE: OPSN 2014 017 ERROR IN ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES

Timing: Effective: Immediately

Information Please be advised that when the OPSN for Production Horticulturist was issued on February 6th, 2014, an error was made in the Assessment Guidelines for Level 3.

Background In the previous OPSN, Line F in the Assessment Guidelines for Level 3 read as follows:

| LINE | TRAINING TOPICS & SUGGESTED TIME ALLOCATION | THEORY WEIGHTING | PRACTICAL WEIGHTING |
|------|--|------------------|---------------------|
| F | Manages Nursery, Field and Container Crops (35%) | 50% | 30% |

The error is that the Theory Weighting should read as **40%** as follows:

| LINE | TRAINING TOPICS & SUGGESTED TIME ALLOCATION | THEORY WEIGHTING | PRACTICAL WEIGHTING |
|------|--|------------------|---------------------|
| F | Manages Nursery, Field and Container Crops (35%) | 40% | 30% |

My apologies for this error and any confusion it may have caused.

For more information

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| PROGRAM: IN-SCHOOL TRAINING: ITA DIRECT ACCESS COURSE CODE: | | PRODUCTION HORTICULTURIST LEVEL 3 0194PH3 | |
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| LINE | TRAINING TOPICS & SUGGESTED TIME ALLOCATION | THEORY WEIGHTING | PRACTICAL WEIGHTING |
| D | Manages Facilities (15%) | 10% | 10% |
| E | Analyzes and Maintains Plant Health (30%) | 30% | 30% |
| F | Manages Nursery, Field and Container Crops (35%) | 40% | 30% |
| G | Oversees Nursery Production and System Operations (20%) | 20% | 30% |
| | Total | 100% | 100% |
| PRODUCTION HORTICULTURIST in-school theory & practical subject competency weighting | | 40% | 60% |
| Calculated by the Training Provider: Multiply the total percentage scores in the theory column for each of the theory topics and multiply by 40%. Multiply the total percentage scores in the practical column for each of the theory topics and multiply by 60%. Add the two percentage scores to achieve a final percentage score for the level. This final percentage score is entered into ITA Direct Access. (Minimum percentage score 70%) | | IN-SCHOOL% | |

All apprentices who complete Level 3 of the Production Horticulturist program with a FINAL level percentage score of 70% or greater will write the ITA Production Horticulturist Certificate of Qualification (CofQ) examination as their final assessment.

ITA will enter the apprentices' Production Horticulturist CofQ examination mark in ITA Direct Access. A minimum percentage score of 70% on the examination is required for a pass.