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Programs: **Motorcycle Mechanic (Motorcycle & Power Equipment Technician)**

To: ITA Training Providers
ACE IT School Districts

RE: **OPSN 2014 018 LAUNCH OF ITA LEVEL EXAMINATIONS**

Timing: Effective December 31, 2014

Background **Reference OPSN 2013-023 issued October 31, 2013**

ITA is implementing ITA level exams as part of an assessment strategy to ensure consistent outcomes at each program level for apprentices throughout BC.

ITA level exams will be implemented in all four levels of technical training for Motorcycle Mechanic (Motorcycle Power Equipment Technician (MPET)).

Information ITA Level Exams are being introduced for the program levels listed below.

Apprenticeship technical training classes that begin after December 31, 2014 will be required to sit an ITA Level Exam. The exam will contribute 20% to an apprentice's final mark at each level of technical training.

Motorcycle Mechanic (Motorcycle & Power Equipment Technician):

Levels 1, 2, 3, 4

The Level 1 exam was implemented for the **Motorcycle Mechanic (Motorcycle & Power Equipment Technician) Foundation** program in 2013.

Scheduling Exams

Exams are requested by training providers via the usual ITA procedure. Training providers complete an ITA Exam Request Form six weeks prior to the scheduled exam date. ITA will invigilate these exams unless other arrangements are made between ITA's Exam Department and the training provider.

Calculating and reporting final marks for technical training with SLEs

New Process – effective October 1, 2014

- Training providers calculate the in-school training mark according to the Assessment Guideline for the trade (OPSN 2012002)
- ITA administers the SLE, records the mark in Direct Access, and reports it to the school. The apprentice is not notified when the SLE mark is entered
- Training providers weight and blend the in-school (80%) and SLE (20%) marks to produce a final mark for the Level. That final, blended mark is reported to ITA by the school and recorded in Direct Access
- ITA sends a transcript via email to the apprentice showing the final mark only

Once the school's final Level mark is entered in Direct Access, the system performs a reverse calculation using the SLE mark to determine the in-school mark. All three marks are stored in the apprentice's record, but only the final Level mark is reported on the ITA transcript.

A percentage score of 70% or greater is required to pass when the final in-school percentage score and the final ITA level exam percentage score are blended.

Interprovincial Red Seal Exam (Final Level)

The Interprovincial Red Seal exam results are not blended with in-school technical training results and remain as a stand-alone program completion requirement.

In order to achieve certification as a **Motorcycle Mechanic (Motorcycle & Power Equipment Technician)** apprentices must write the **Interprovincial Red Seal** exam after passing all levels of technical training.

For more information

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