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Program: **Standard Level Exams**

To: ITA Training Providers

RE: **OPSN 2014 019**

Timing: Effective Immediately

Information ITA is revising the launch schedule for Standard Level Exams (SLEs). Please refer to the ITA website¹ or table below for details.

ITA remains committed to the launch of Standard Level Exams. The revised launch schedule will accommodate transition activities underway at ITA as a result of the B.C. Skills for Jobs Blueprint, and the recent recommendations resulting from the review of ITA's mandate. In addition, we are rigorously testing new systems to support the increase in exam volume that will occur when SLEs are rolled out for larger programs.

The revised SLE launch schedule will allow sufficient time to:

- Transition exam development from the Industry Training Organizations (ITOs) to ITA
- Ensure SLEs meet high quality standards prior to launch

The table attached to this OPSN lists all programs intended to have active SLEs by the end of Phase 1 implementation, and the new launch dates. Please note that all SLEs launched to date remain in place.

SLEs for several programs were scheduled to launch on Sept. 30/14. SLE launch for two of these programs will proceed as scheduled:

- Cabinetmaker (Joiner) – Levels 1, 2, 3
- Floor Covering Installer – Levels 1, 2

SLE launch dates for all remaining programs have been postponed. Please refer to the table at the end of this OPSN for the new dates.

¹ Refer to <http://www.itabc.ca/sites/default/files/docs/manage/Exams/SLE%20Launch%20Schedule%20Word%20062714%20636.pdf> for the SLE launch schedule by program.

SLEs in Foundation Programs

While SLEs have already been launched for a small number of Foundation Programs², inclusion of SLEs in all Foundation programs is still planned as Phase 2 of the SLE implementation project. There are a number of issues to be addressed before SLEs can be widely implemented in Foundation Programs, such as review of Assessment Guidelines, use in Foundation Programs granting credit for multiple levels, and inclusion of an external assessment mark in program results. The Phase 2 schedule will be communicated at a later date.

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Revised Launch Schedule for Standardized Level Exams

| Program Name (with Level) | Current Launch Date | New Launch Date |
|--|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Architectural Sheet Metal Worker - Level 1 & 2 | Launched | |
| Baker - Foundation, Level 1 & 2 | Launched | |
| Boilermaker - Foundation (Mandatory) & Level 2 | 30-Sep-14 | 1-Mar-15 |
| Boom Truck Operator - Folding Boom - Level 1 | Launched | |
| Boom Truck Operator - Stiff Boom - Level 1 | Launched | |
| Bricklayer (Mason) - Level 1 & 2 | Launched | |
| Cabinet Maker (Joiner) - Level 1, 2 & 3 | 30-Sep-14 | 30-Sep-14 (no change) |
| Carpenter - Level 1 & 2 | 30-Sep-14 | 28-Aug-15 |
| Carpenter - Level 3 | Launched | |
| Concrete Finisher (Cement Mason) - Level 1 & 2 | 30-Sep-14 | 31-Dec-14 |
| Construction Electrician - Level 1, 2 & 3 | 31-Mar-15 | 31-Mar-16 |
| Diesel Engine Mechanic - Level 1 | Launched | |
| Drywall Finisher - Level 1 | Launched | |
| Embalmer - Level 1 | Launched | |
| Embalmer & Funeral Director - Level 1 | Launched | |
| Floor Covering Installer - Level 1 & 2 | 30-Sep-14 | 30-Sep-14 (no change) |
| Funeral Director - Level 1 | Launched | |
| Glazier - Level 1 & 2 | Launched | |

² SLEs have been launched to-date for four Foundation programs: Baker, Meatcutter, Landscape Horticulturist, and Welder. They will be launched for two additional programs in 2014/15: Boilermaker and Motorcycle Mechanic (Motorcycle and Power Equipment Technician).

| Program Name (with Level) | Current Launch Date | New Launch Date |
|--|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Heavy Duty Equipment Technician - Level 1 | Launched | |
| Heavy Duty Equipment Technician - Level 2 & 3 | N/A | 1-Sep-15 |
| Industrial Electrician - Level 1 & 2 | 31-Mar-15 | 31-Mar-16 |
| Industrial Electrician - Level 3 | Launched | |
| Industrial Mechanic (Millwright) - Level 1, 2 & 3 | Launched | |
| Instrumentation & Control Technician (Industrial Instrument Mechanic) - Level 1, 2 & 3 | 31-Dec-14 | 31-Dec-15 |
| Ironworker - Reinforcing - Level 1 | Launched | |
| Ironworker Generalist (Ironworker) - Level 1 & 2 | 30-Sep-14 | 1-Mar-15 |
| Landscape Horticulturist - Foundation, Level 1, 2 & 3 | Launched | |
| Lather (Interior Systems Mechanic) (Wall and Ceiling Installer) - Level A, B & C | Launched | |
| Machinist - Level 1, 2 & 3 | 30-Sep-14 | 31-Mar-15 |
| Marine Mechanical Technician - Level 1 | 1-Jan-15 | 01-Jan-15 (no change) |
| Meatcutter - Foundation, Level 1 | Launched | |
| Metal Fabricator - Level 1, 2 & 3 | 30-Sep-14 | 31-Mar-15 |
| Mobile Crane Operator - Hydraulic 80 Tonnes & Under - Level 1 | Launched | |
| Mobile Crane Operator - Hydraulic Unlimited Tonnage - Level 1 | Launched | |
| Mobile Crane Operator - Lattice Boom Friction - Level 1 | Launched | |
| Mobile Crane Operator - Lattice Boom Hydraulic - Level 1 | Launched | |
| Motor Vehicle Body Repairer (Automotive Collision Repair Technician) - Level 1 & 2 | Launched | |
| Motorcycle Mechanic (Motorcycle & Power Equipment Technician) - Foundation/Level 1, 2, 3 & 4 | 31-Dec-14 | 1-Oct-14 |
| Painter and Decorator - Level 1 & 2 | Launched | |
| Piledriver and Bridgeworker - Level 1 | Launched | |
| Plumber - Level 1, 2 & 3 | 31-Dec-14 | 31-Dec-15 |
| Power Line Technician - Level 1 & 2 | 31-Dec-14 | 31-Dec-15 |
| Production Horticulturist - Level 1 & 2 | Launched | |
| Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Mechanic (Refrigeration Mechanic) - Level 1, 2 & 3 | Launched | |
| Residential Building Maintenance Worker - Level 1, 2 & 3 | Launched | |
| Rig Technician - Level 1 & 2 | Launched | |
| Roofer - Level 1 & 2 | Launched | |
| Saw Filer - Level 1 | N/A | 1-Oct-14 |
| Sheet Metal Worker - Level 1, 2 & 3 | Launched | |
| Sprinkler System Installer - Level 1, 2 & 3 | 31-Dec-14 | 28-Aug-15 |
| Steamfitter / Pipefitter - Level 1, 2 & 3 | 31-Dec-14 | 28-Aug-15 |
| Tilesetter - Level 1 & 2 | 31-Dec-14 | 31-Dec-14 (no change) |
| Tower Crane Operator - Level 1 | Launched | |
| Transport Trailer Technician - Level 1 | Launched | |
| Truck & Transport Mechanic - Level 1 | Launched | |
| Truck & Transport Mechanic - Level 2 & 3 | N/A | 1-Sep-15 |
| Utility Arborist - Level 1 | Launched | |
| Welder - Foundation, Apprenticeship Pathway Level 1 & 2, Specialty Metals Endorsement | Launched | |