



## ★ OFFICIAL PROGRAM STANDARDS NOTIFICATION ★

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### Program: Production Horticulturist

**To:** ITA Training Providers  
HortEducationBC (HEBC)  
ACE IT School Districts

**RE: REF: 2012 007**  
**ITA CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION CREDENTIALING EXAM**

**Timing:** Effective: September 1, 2012

**Information:** Effective September 1, 2012 all apprentices will be required to write an ITA Certificate of Qualification exam as a completion requirement for the Production Horticulturist program.

All other program standards remain unchanged: no changes to the general areas of competency (GACs), competencies or learning tasks were made. See the Program Outline posted on the ITA website – [www.itabc.ca](http://www.itabc.ca) – for more detail.

### **Background**

A recent review of the Production Horticulturist program indicated that the Program Profile did not include an ITA Certificate of Qualification (CofQ) credentialing exam for the apprenticeship pathway.

Currently apprentices achieve an ITA Certificate of Qualification credential by completing four levels of technical training and writing a proprietary examination at the end of each level. To address ITA's program standards' requirements, a credentialing exam must be written at the conclusion of Level 4 in-school technical training. Effective September 1, 2012 an ITA CofQ exam will be introduced as a completion requirement. Refer to the Production Horticulturist Program Profile on the ITA website – [www.itabc.ca](http://www.itabc.ca).

### **ITA Certificate of Qualification Exam**

Production Horticulturist apprentices will be required to write an ITA CofQ exam after completing their in-school technical training levels, in order to be certified. A score of 70% or greater is required for a pass.

The ITA Certificate of Qualification exam may be requested by training providers via the usual ITA procedure. ITA will administer and invigilate the ITA CofQ exam and score and record exam results in ITA Direct Access.

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