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**Program:** Standard Level Exams  
**To:** ITA Training Providers, ITOs, School Districts  
**RE:** OPSN 2013 023 Launch Schedule for Standard Level Exams  
**Timing:** Effective October 31, 2013  
**Background** ITA is implementing Standard Level Exams (SLEs) as part of its assessment strategy to ensure consistent outcomes at each program level for apprentices throughout BC.

By the end of the 2014/15 fiscal year, SLEs will be launched for 49 multi-level ITA programs. They will be implemented for each program level except the highest one. They will **not** be implemented in Foundation programs, except in those cases where industry has requested them and training providers have systems in place to support them.

SLEs are already in place for the following 21 programs:

- Baker
- Boom Truck Operator - Folding Boom
- Boom truck Operator - Stiff Boom
- Bricklayer (Mason)
- Electric Motor System Technician (Winder Electrician)
- Embalmer
- Embalmer & Funeral Director
- Funeral Director
- Glazier
- Landscape Horticulturist
- Lather (Interior Systems Mechanic) (Wall and Ceiling Installer)
- Meatcutter
- Mobile Crane Operator – Hydraulic 80 Tonnes & Under
- Mobile Crane Operator – Hydraulic Unlimited Tonnage
- Mobile Crane Operator – Lattice Boom Friction
- Mobile Crane Operator – Lattice Boom Hydraulic
- Rig Technician
- Roofer
- Tower Crane Operator
- Water Well Driller
- Utility Arborist

**Information:** SLEs will be implemented for an additional 10 trades by April 1, 2014 and then another 18 trades by April 1, 2015. The target dates for implementation of SLEs in each trade are listed below. Actual launch dates will be advised through individual OPSNs for each program. SLEs will be required in all classes where the first day of class falls on or after the launch date given in the program-specific OPSN.

**Please note:** Individual levels of some programs have already been launched. The dates below refer to the projected date when SLEs for all applicable levels of the program will be launched.

**Target launch schedule:**

Date	Program
January 6, 2014	Architectural Sheet Metal Worker Drywall Finisher Painter and Decorator
By March 31, 2014	Industrial Mechanic (Millwright) Ironworker – Reinforcing Motor Vehicle Body Repairer (Automotive Collision Repair Technician) Piledriver and Bridgeworker Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Mechanic (Refrigeration Mechanic) Sheet Metal Worker Welder – Apprenticeship pathway
By June 30, 2014	Ironworker Generalist (Ironworker) Machinist Metal Fabricator (Fitter)
By September 30, 2014	Boilermaker (Construction Boilermaker) Cabinet Maker (Joiner) Carpenter Concrete Finisher (Cement Mason) Floor Covering Installer Production Horticulturist
By December 31, 2014	Instrumentation & Control Technician (Industrial Instrument Mechanic) Motorcycle Mechanic (Motorcycle & Power Equipment Technician) Plumber Power Line Technician Sprinkler System Installer Steamfitter / Pipefitter Tiler
By March 31, 2015	Construction Electrician Industrial Electrician

ITA recognizes there are many factors that must be considered to coordinate a smooth and successful launch of SLEs within the BC training provider system. Jessi Zielke, Project Manager for the Standard Level Exams Project, and Ruth McGillivray, Director of Assessment, will be meeting with training institutions in the coming months to discuss:

- SLE implementation in your school – affected programs, schedule
- Exam delivery methods – online vs. paper-based, lab capacity
- Exam scheduling
- Invigilation
- Marking and reporting results
- How best to use the exam results data

Jessi Zielke will be contacting training providers over the next few weeks to arrange meeting dates.

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