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**Program:** Deactivation of Industry Training Programs

**To:** All ITA Training Providers  
All ITOs

**RE:** OPSN 2013 030

**Timing:** 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013

**Information:** Deactivation of Industry Training Programs

***Background***

ITA has a responsibility to maintain its programs to ensure that they meet the criteria set out in its policies. During 2011 the ITA Program Life Cycle was initiated to support this responsibility.

Following a review of all of ITA's programs, many were found to be deficient in terms of meeting the criteria detailed in Policy PP1002 (see attached).

Several programs which did not meet the criteria were moved from "Active" status to "Inactive". No new apprentices were registered into these programs following inactivation. The relevant pages on ITA's website were modified to show the proposed deactivation date. A communication was sent to all affected apprentices informing them that they had 18 months to achieve certification before the program would be deactivated.

Industry stakeholders for the trade were given a period of 18 months to bring forward a case to ITA for reactivation of the program. Of the 39 programs inactivated, industry proposed to bring the following five programs back to "Active" status:

- Log Builder
- Marine Mechanical Technician
- Planermill Maintenance Technician
- Water Well Driller (reactivated April 2013)
- Winder Electrician (reactivated May 2013)

Deactivation of a program means that certification in BC is no longer achievable.

ITA's Standards Review Committee approved that the apprenticeship and challenge pathways for 47 recognized programs, and the apprenticeship pathway for 2 accredited (Red Seal) programs be deactivated effective December 1, 2013.

The challenge pathway for the 2 accredited (Red Seal) programs will remain open to maintain Red Seal compliance.

**Recognized Programs Deactivated Effective December 1, 2013**

The apprenticeship and challenge pathways are no longer available for the following 47 BC programs:

1. Aggregate Plant Operator
2. Asphalt Plant Operator
3. Automatic Transmission Service Technician
4. Automotive Machinist
5. Automotive Radiator Manufacturer & Repairer
6. Automotive Upholsterer
7. Automotive Wheel Alignment & Brake Service Technician
8. Barber
9. Cable Splicer
10. Communication Technician
11. Community Antenna Television Technician (will remain open until April 2014)
12. Concrete Plant Operator
13. Construction Formwork Technician
14. Diesel Fuel Injection Mechanic
15. Electronics Communication Technician
16. Electronics Technician
17. Electronics Technician (Consumer Products) (de-designated 24 Feb 11 as per ICEMS Red Seal website)
18. Electro-Plater
19. Elevator Mechanic
20. Florist
21. Forklift Mechanic
22. Graphic Arts – Bookbinder 1
23. Hydraulic Service Mechanic
24. Industrial Warehouseperson (Transitioned to Partsperson)
25. Marine Engine Mechanic
26. Meter Technician
27. Motion Picture & Theatre – Grip
28. Motion Picture & Theatre – Set Dresser

29. Moulder & Coremaker
30. Outdoor Power Equipment Technician (Transitioned to MPET)
31. Plasterer
32. Telecontrol Technologist
33. Tire Repairer
34. Transport Refrigeration Mechanic
35. Antique Furniture Restorer & Finisher
36. Food & Beverage Server
37. Graphic Arts – Electronic Pre-Press
38. Graphic Arts – Litho Pressperson (Web, Sheet Fed, Rotary and Gravure)
39. Graphic Arts – Printer
40. Graphic Arts – Stripper & Assembler
41. Information Technology Associate
42. Jeweller & Goldsmith
43. Motion Picture & Theatre – Assistant Location Manager
44. Motion Picture & Theatre – Third Assistant Director
45. Sheet Metal Worker (Manufacturing)
46. Sign Painter
47. Upholsterer

**Accredited Programs (Red Seal) Deactivated Effective December 1, 2013**

The apprenticeship pathway is no longer available for the following two Red Seal programs:

1. Agricultural Equipment Technician
2. Oil Heat Systems Technician

These two programs can still be challenged in BC.

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**POLICY: CRITERIA FOR DEACTIVATION OF RECOGNIZED APPRENTICESHIP AND FOUNDATION INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAMS**

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**1.0 Scope**

This policy applies only to *Recognized Apprenticeship and Foundation Industry Training Programs*; not to *Accredited Apprenticeship Industry Training Programs*.

**2.0 Criteria**

Programs that meet one or more of the following criteria will be considered for removal from the list of ITA *Recognized Apprenticeship and Foundation Industry Training Programs*:

- Programs that are specific to only one company
- Programs that do not have a *technical training* component or *technical training* is a component but not available
- Programs with less than 12 registrants (typically the number of trainees required to run a class) consistently over the past three years
- Programs which do not have *Assessment Tools* or either *Program Standards* or *Occupational Performance Standards*
- Programs lacking sufficient industry support to ensure maintenance of quality and standards, as well as relevance to industry's future needs (as defined in ITA Operations Policy PP1000, Criteria for Approving New Foundation and Apprenticeship Industry Training Programs)

**3.0 Industry Consultation**

The Industry Training Authority will consult industry on any programs identified for deactivation and, where appropriate, will seek the advice of relevant regulatory bodies.

**4.0 Conditions for Retention**

If industry identifies that a program should not be deactivated, retention will be conditional on upgrading the program to meet the criteria in place for the introduction of a new industry training program. These criteria are found in ITA Operations Policy PP 1000, Criteria for Approving New Apprenticeship and Foundation Industry Training Programs.

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