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Programs: **Machinist**
Metal Fabricator

To: ITA Training Providers
ACE IT School Districts
Industry Training Organizations

RE: **OPSN 2014 006 LAUNCH OF STANDARDIZED LEVEL EXAMS JUNE, 2014**

Timing: Effective June 30, 2014

Background *Ref OPSN 2013 023*

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

Standardized level exams will be implemented for each program level except the highest one. The initial phase of the roll-out will not include implementation in Foundation programs, except in those cases where industry has requested it and training providers have systems in place to do so.

Information

ITA Level Exams are being introduced for **Machinist** and **Metal Fabricator** programs. Apprentice technical training of **Levels 1 through 3** of Machinist and Metal Fabricator that begin after June 30, 2014 will be required to sit an ITA Level Exam. The exam will contribute 20% to an apprentice's final mark.

Machinist (Level 1, Level 2, Level 3); ITA Level Exams required after June 30

Metal Fabricator (Level 1, Level 2, Level 3); ITA Level Exams required after June 30

Scheduling Exams

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

**In-School
Technical Training**

Training providers are required to enter a percentage score for each apprentice's in-school technical training result into ITA Direct Access.

ITA Exam Results ITA will enter the ITA Level Examination percentage scores in ITA Direct Access.

Calculating Final Percentage Scores For ITA Level Exams

Once the in-school percentage score and the ITA exam percentage score have been entered into ITA Direct Access, the system will calculate the final percentage score. This final percentage score is calculated by blending the two scores. The in-school technical training (combined theory & practical) percentage score is multiplied by 80% and the ITA level exam percentage score is multiplied by 20%.

These two scores are combined to determine the percentage score that is recorded in ITA Direct Access. 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.

ITA Certificate of Qualification or Interprovincial (Red Seal) Exam (Final Level)

Qualification Exams Are NOT blended. ITA Certificate of Qualification exams and Interprovincial Red Seal exams remain stand-alone program completion requirements.

In order to achieve certification, **Machinist** and **Metal Fabrication** apprentices are required to write the Interprovincial (Red Seal) exam after their final level of technical training.

To be eligible to write the qualification exam, apprentices must have passed all levels of in-school technical training. Qualification exams should be requested by training providers via the usual ITA procedure.

A score of 70% or greater is required for a pass on the Interprovincial (Red Seal) exam.

ITA will administer and invigilate the qualification exam and record exam results in ITA Direct Access.

For more information

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