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**Programs:** **Boilermaker (Construction Boilermaker)**  
**Cabinet Maker (Joiner)**  
**Carpenter**  
**Concrete Finisher (Cement Mason)**  
**Floor Covering Installer**  
**Ironworker (Generalist)**

**To:** ITA Training Providers  
ACE IT School Districts  
BC Construction Industry Training Organization

**RE:** **OPSN 2014 007 LAUNCH OF ITA LEVEL EXAMINATIONS**

**Timing:** Effective: September 30, 2014

**Background** **Reference OPSN 2013-023 issued October 31, 2013**

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

ITA level exams will be implemented for all program levels except the highest one. The initial phase of the rollout will not include implementation in Foundation programs, except in those cases where they have already been applied.

**Information** ITA Level Exams are being introduced for **Boilermaker (Construction Boilermaker), Cabinet Maker (Joiner), Carpenter, Concrete Finisher, Floor Covering Installer and Ironworker (Generalist)** programs.

Apprentice technical training for these programs that begin after September 30, 2014 will be required to sit an ITA Level Exam for all levels except the final level. The exam will contribute 20% to an apprentice's final mark.

Boilermaker (Construction Boilermaker) Level 1 & 2	September 30, 2014
Cabinet Maker (Joiner) Level 1, 2 & 3	September 30, 2014
Carpenter Level 1 & 2 (Level 3 launched in 2013)	September 30, 2014
Concrete Finisher (Concrete Mason) Level 1 & 2	September 30, 2014
Floor Covering Installer Level 1 & 2	September 30, 2014
Ironworker (Generalist) Level 1 & 2	September 30, 2014

**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 level 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 exam results are NOT blended with in-school technical training results. ITA Certificate of Qualification exams and Interprovincial Red Seal exams remain stand-alone program completion requirements.

In order to achieve certification, **Boilermaker (Construction Boilermaker), Cabinet Maker (Joiner), Carpenter, Concrete Finisher, Floor Covering Installer and Ironworker (Generalist)** 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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