



★ **OFFICIAL PROGRAM STANDARDS NOTIFICATION** ★

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**Program: Professional Cook 1, 2, & 3**

**To:** ITA Training Providers  
All School Districts  
go2

**RE: REF: 2012 015**  
**Professional Cook 1, 2, & 3 Practical Assessments**

**Timing:** Effective Immediately

**Information:**

**Background**

This OPSN is to advise that the Professional Cook (PC) 1, 2, & 3 Challenge pathways have a new assessment model. In 2011, all three PC challenge assessments were changed to Enhanced Assessment. After a year of trial it was found that although useful, the Enhanced Assessment model was not financially viable long-term. The model change was initiated by ITA and was recommended by the Industry Training Organization (ITO) – go2 for the trade. ITA has accepted go2's recommendation that the challenge assessments be changed from Enhanced Assessment to a must-pass written exam (Interprovincial or BC Certificate of Qualification) and practical assessment for each certification.

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## ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES

**Program:** Professional Cook 1, 2, & 3 Challenge

**Requirements:** Written and Practical Assessments

All ITA approved challengers for PC programs must pass both a written and practical assessment. For PC 1 and PC 2, the approved applicant must pass the corresponding Certificate of Qualification (CofQ) exam and practical. For PC 3, the approved applicant will write the Interprovincial Red Seal exam. All approved applicants must pass a corresponding practical assessment of skills at an ITA identified assessment agency.

### Practical Assessments

Upon ITA approval to challenge PC 1, 2, or 3, the applicant will receive a notification specifying available assessment agencies for the practical assessment. The applicant is responsible for coordinating their own practical assessment with the assessment agency and must pay any corresponding fees associated with the practical assessment. An applicant can only do their practical assessment at an ITA identified assessment agency and can only do so by showing the assessment agency that they are approved to challenge the program.

### Assessment Agencies

ITA identified assessment agencies will be identified to approved challengers and a continuously updated list of assessment agencies will be hosted on [www.itabc.ca](http://www.itabc.ca) for reference. Requirements to be an assessment agency include, but are not limited to:

- Having an ITA Approved Assessor on site to conduct assessments
- Each ITA Assessor must be trained on new practical assessment criteria
- Acceptable venue that meets the Facility Requirements outlined in the PC program outline

These requirements are for challenge practical assessments only. Apprentices who require practical re-assessments may return to their institution for that purpose and must pay all corresponding re-assessment fees.

### **Apprenticeship Assessments**

The change in challenge assessments will result in identical use of assessment tools for both Challengers and Apprentices. Both written exams and practical assessments will be the same for PC 1, 2, & 3 apprentices and challengers at the corresponding levels. However, apprenticeship practical assessments will be conducted at the training institution where technical training has taken place. In the event that an apprentice requires a re-assessment of the practical assessment, they are free to return to their training provider site and pay any corresponding re-assessment fees to have their practical assessment re-administered. The instructor can administer the re-assessment providing they have been trained on the new practical assessment criteria. Instructors may **NOT** assess challengers at this time.