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Trade: Automotive Service Technician (AST)

To: ITA Training Providers
Articulation Chair
System Liaison Person
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Subject: **Transition to Harmonized Program: Apprentices from the Current (pre-harmonized) program**

From: ITA Program Standards

Effective Date: Immediately

Summary: **Apprentices with Current Level 2 (CL2) or Current Level 3 (CL3)**

As of September 1, 2021, the AST program is fully harmonized. All harmonized levels of technical training have been implemented and all levels of the current program have been phased out.

If **apprentices from the current program** are interested in registering for Harmonized Level 3 (HL3) or Harmonized Level 4 (HL4), please have them contact their [Apprenticeship Advisor](#) to discuss potential gaps in their training **before they are registered in harmonized HL3 or HL4 technical training**. Northern Lights College will be offering centralized, online gap training for apprentices who have completed CL2 or CL3.

The [Transition Plan](#) on the trade page has been updated.

Background: On February 27, 2017, ITA Program Standards issued [OPSN 2017-002](#), which detailed the changes to the Automotive Service Technician Program as a result of the Harmonization Initiative and announced the implementation of a revised Program Outline, effective September 1, 2017.

Other Information: For information about **registering apprentices from the current program in a harmonized level of technical training**, please refer to the [Registration Guide for Training Providers](#), or contact assessmentscoordinator@itabc.ca.

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