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Program: Landscape Horticulturist

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Subject: **Landscape Horticulturist**

OPSN No.: **OPSN 2018 009**

Effective Date: **September 1, 2018**

Summary of Change: Please be advised that changes have occurred to the Landscape Horticulturist program as a result of the Pan-Canadian Harmonization Initiative and will be implemented effective September 1, 2018.

These changes are as follows:

- Landscape Horticulturist Program Outline Update
- Decrease of Work-Based Training Hours – 5,280 hours (from 6,480 hours)

The Harmonized Landscape Horticulturist Program Outline and Program Profile have been posted on the Landscape Horticulturist webpage at www.itabc.ca.

Rationale: At the request of industry, the Canadian Council of Directors of Apprenticeship’s (CCDA) Harmonization Initiative was launched in Fall 2013, and endorsed by the Forum of Labour Market Ministers (FLMM) in 2014. The goal of Harmonization is to *substantively align* apprenticeship systems across Canada by making apprenticeship training requirements more consistent in Red Seal trades.

In consultation with stakeholders, the CCDA identified four Harmonization priorities: trade name, total training hours (in-school plus on-the-job), number of training levels, and the sequencing of the training content.

Landscape Horticulturist is one of five trades identified for the third phase of Harmonization. After a series of consultations and pan-Canadian webinars, the finalized priorities for the Harmonized Landscape Horticulturist program were as follows:

Landscape Horticulturist	Changing in BC?	What will it be?
Trade Name	No	Landscape Horticulturist
Total Hours (Technical Training + Work Based)	Yes	6,000 total (720 technical training + 5,280 work-based)
Number of Training Levels	No	4
Training Sequence (Order of subjects taught)	Yes	Changes to training sequence

Details: A Landscape Horticulturist program review was conducted in September 2017 to align BC’s Landscape Horticulturist program to the Harmonized sequencing. The review resulted in significant changes to the current sequence of technical training.

After conducting a Gap Analysis, it was determined that a transition strategy would be necessary.

ITA will inform apprentices and employer sponsors of the changes to the program.

Attachments: ***Landscape Horticulturist Program Outline Review Details***

This attachment provides details of the revisions made to the Landscape Horticulturist Outline during the review process.

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