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Trade: Landscape Horticulturist

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Subject **Transition to Harmonized Program**

From ITA Program Standards

Effective Date September 1, 2018

Information On March 1, 2018, ITA Program Standards issued [OPSN 2018-009](#), which detailed the changes to the Landscape Horticulturist Program as a result of the Harmonization initiative and announced the implementation of a revised Program Outline, effective September 1, 2018.

In Feb/Mar 2018, ITA Program Standards consulted with Landscape/Horticulturist Articulation Committee, including Training Providers that deliver the Landscape Horticulturist program and other stakeholders and internal partners. We evaluated a number of scenarios, and the transition plan outlined below was identified as the best option. We have also ensured that there are options for all current apprentices to complete their apprenticeship.

ITA has begun a communication initiative that will ensure that all apprentices, employers, and other internal and external partners are aware of the changes to the program. Please be aware that the transition plan will be re-evaluated and updated as needed year by year.

For details, please refer to the full Landscape Horticulturist Transition Plan, March 2018, available on the webpage at <http://www.itabc.ca/program/landscape-horticulturist>.

Implementation Timelines				
	Level 1	September 1, 2018		
	Level 2	September 1, 2019		
	Level 3	September 1, 2020		
	Level 4	September 1, 2021		
Year 0 17/18	CL1	CL2	CL3	CL4
Year 1 18/19	HL1 (APP)	CL2	CL3	CL4
Year 2 19/20	HL1 (APP/FDN)	CL2 HL2 (APP)	CL3	CL4
Year 3 20/21	HL1	HL2 Gap Training 40 hrs (if needed)	CL3 (if needed) HL3	CL4
Year 4 21/22	HL1	HL2	HL3	HL4

As announced in [OPSN 2018-009](#), The Work-based Training (WBT) has changed with Harmonization. However, TT time remains the same, as do the number of levels.

WBT = 6,000 hrs.

Technical training = 4 levels of 180 hours per level.

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