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Trade: Automotive Refinishing Technician

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Subject: Transition to Harmonized Program

From: ITA Program Standards

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Summary: The Transition Plan (summarized below) for Automotive Refinishing Technician has been posted to the trade page on the ITA website at . <https://www.itabc.ca/program/automotive-painter-automotive-refinishing-technician>.

Transition Plan Summary

Implementation Timelines		
Year 1	Harmonized Level 1 (HL1) Common Core*	April 1, 2021
Year 2	Harmonized Level 2 (HL2)	April 1, 2022

Year 0 20/21	CL1 (Prep Tech) 4 weeks	CL2 (Paint) 4 weeks
Year 1 21/22	HL1 Common Core 7 weeks	CL2 (Paint) 4 weeks
Year 2 22/23	HL1 Common Core 7 weeks	HL2 3 weeks TP support 1 day
Year 3 23/24	HL1 Common Core 7 weeks	HL2 3 weeks TP support 1 day
Year 4 24/25	HL1 Common Core 7 weeks	HL2 3 weeks

*** Note:** HL1 is Common Core with Collision. FDN programs will be Common Core and will align to HL1.

Background: Previous communications regarding the harmonized Automotive Refinishing Technician program:

[OPSN 2020 006](#), June 2020: Detailed the changes to the Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician and Automotive Painter programs as a result of harmonization and the implementation of the revised Program Profile and Program Outline, effective April 1, 2021.

[OPSN 2020 007](#), June 2020: Detailed the inactivation of the Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician program, effective April 1, 2021.

Subsequently, ITA Program Standards consulted with the post-secondary training providers that deliver the Refinishing program and considered the input of our internal partners. The transition plan summarized above was identified as the best option. We have also ensured that there are options for current apprentices to complete their apprenticeship. ITA has begun a communication initiative to ensure apprentices, employers, and other internal and external partners are aware of the changes to the program.

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