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Trade: Welder

To ITA Training Providers
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Subject **Transition to Harmonized Program**

From ITA Program Standards

Effective Date March 31, 2017

Information On August 22, 2016, ITA Program Standards issued OPSN 2016-014, which detailed the changes to the Welder Program as a result of the Harmonization initiative and announced the implementation of a revised Program Outline, effective March 31, 2017.

In October 2016 and January 2017, ITA Program Standards consulted with the public and private post-secondary institutions that deliver the Welder program, and considered the input of our internal partners. 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.

WELDER: TRAINING TRANSITION SCHEDULE

2017 MARCH 31	L1 HARMONIZED	L2 HARMONIZED	GAP TRAINING L3 HARMONIZED
2018 APRIL 1	L1 HARMONIZED	L2 HARMONIZED	GAP TRAINING L3 HARMONIZED
2019 APRIL 1	L1 HARMONIZED	L2 HARMONIZED	GAP TRAINING L3 HARMONIZED
2020 APRIL 1	L1 HARMONIZED	L2 HARMONIZED	L3 HARMONIZED

Gap Training at Level 3 will be approximately 30 hours of face to face instruction. **This additional week of training will be included for all apprentices registering in Level 3 Technical Training.**

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.

For more details, please refer to Welder Transition Plan January 2017 (attached).

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