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Landscape Horticulturist

To
ITA Training Providers
Articulation Chair
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Subject
Transition Update to Harmonized Program

From
ITA Program Standards

Effective Date
April 1, 2021

Information
Reminder: On September 1, 2021, please begin offering Harmonized Level 4 (HL4) as scheduled.

Training for apprentices in the current program:

- For trade workers who have credit for Current Level 2 (CL2) or Current Foundation, Pacific Horticulture College will offer a blended 3-week gap training class in August 2021. This class will consist of a 2-week online component and a 1-week in person component at Pacific Horticulture College in Victoria.
- For trade workers who have credit for Current Level 3 (CL3), Pacific Horticulture College will offer a Current Level 4 (CL4) class in November 2021.

The transition plan is summarized in the updated graphic below:

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Year 1
Sept 2018
| HL1 (APP) | CL2 | CL3 | CL4 |

Year 2
Sept 2019
| HL1 (APP, FNDT) | HL2 (APP) | CL2 | CL3 | CL4 |

Year 3
Sept 2020
| HL1 | HL2 | CL2 | CL3 | CL4 |

Year 4
Fall 2021
| HL1 | HL2 | HL3 | CL4 |

Gap Training
40 hrs

Gap Training (in August at Pacific Horticulture College)

Gap Training (in November at Pacific Horticulture College)
Background  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. Further to this, on March 23, 2018, ITA issued a Program Update announcing the Transition Plan.

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