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**Landscape Horticulturist**

**To** ITA Training Providers  
Articulation Chair  
System Liaison Person  
School Districts ITA Training Providers

**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:

Implementation Timelines	
Level 1	September 1, 2018
Level 2/ FNDT	September 1, 2019
Level 3	September 1, 2020
Level 4	September 1, 2021

<b>Year 1 Sept 2018</b>	HL1 (APP)	CL2	CL3	CL4
<b>Year 2 Sept 2019</b>	HL1 (APP, FNDT)	HL2 (APP) CL2	CL3	CL4
<b>Year 3 Sept 2020</b>	HL1	HL2 Gap Training 40 hrs	HL3 CL3	CL4
<b>Year 4 Fall 2021</b>	HL1	HL2	HL3 Gap Training (in August at Pacific Horticulture College)	HL4 CL4 (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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