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Machinist

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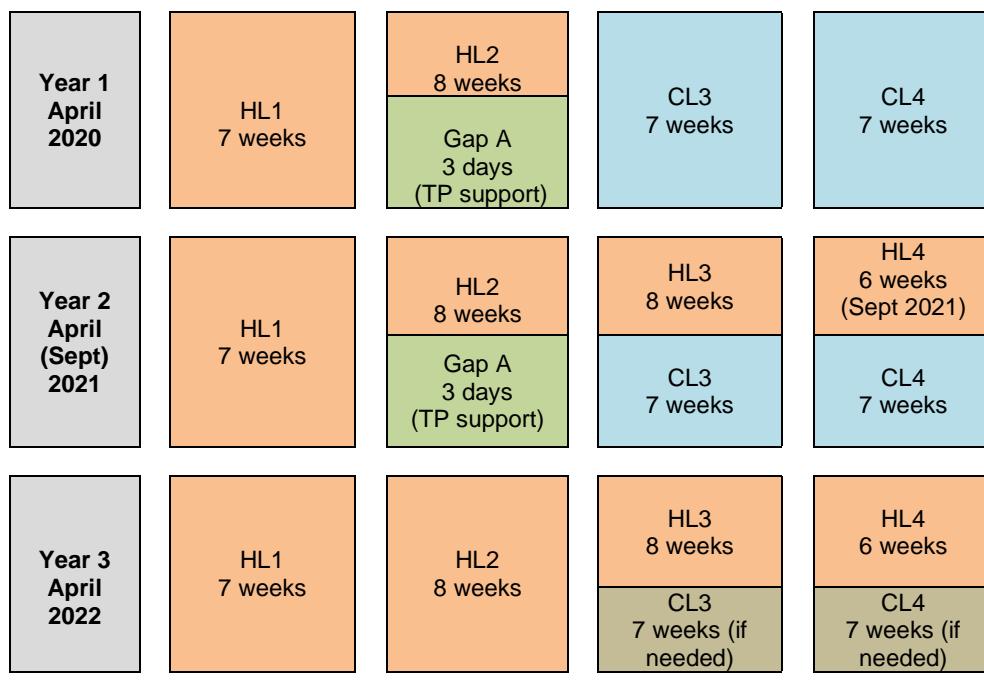
Subject Transition to Harmonized Program Update

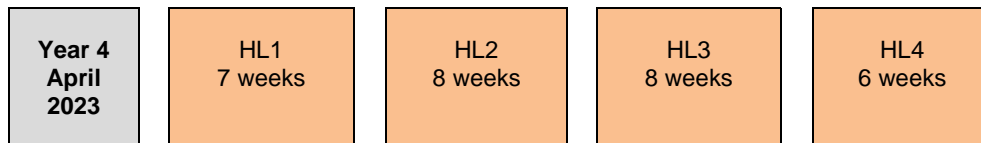
From ITA Program Standards

Effective Date April 1, 2021

Background On May 2, 2019, ITA Program Standards issued [OPSN 2019-006](#) which detailed the changes to the Machinist Program as a result of the Harmonization Initiative and announced the implementation of a revised Program Outline, effective April 1, 2020. Further to this, on July 29, 2019, ITA issued a [Program Update](#) announcing the [Transition Plan](#), summarized in the graphics below:

Implementation Timelines		
Year 1	HL 1	April 1, 2020
Year 1	HL 2	April 1, 2020
Year 2	HL 3	April 1, 2021
Year 2	HL 4	Sept 1, 2021





Legend:

Current Level – CL
Harmonized Level - HL

General Transition Information

From April 1, 2021, please begin offering Harmonized Level 3 (HL3) and Harmonized Level 4 (HL4) as scheduled. Also, dual stream Current Level 3 (CL3) alongside HL3, as needed to accommodate apprentices who have completed Current Level 2 (CL2). Also, dual stream Current Level 4 (CL4) alongside HL4, as needed to accommodate apprentices who have completed CL3.

For information about **how to determine which program to register an apprentice in**, please refer to the [Registration Guide for Training Providers](#), or contact assessmentscoordinator@itabc.ca.

Dual Streaming of CL3 and HL3

- Provide an opportunity for students in both the current and harmonized programs to continue in their program **without transitioning**.
- Delivery method and schedule is up to the training provider. Some options are:
 - Deliver CL3 and HL3 during the same semester.
 - Deliver CL3 in one semester and HL3 in a subsequent semester.
 - Coordinate with another training provider in the same region to offer CL3 at one school and HL3 at the other school.
- ITA is committed to working with training providers to provide pathways for apprentices to complete their training. If you have any questions that relate to the delivery of harmonized programs, please contact the Training Investment Department at investment@ita.bc.ca about funding.

Dual Streaming of CL4 and HL4

- Provide an opportunity for students in both the current and harmonized programs to continue in their program **without transitioning**.
- Delivery method and schedule is up to the training provider. Some options are:
 - Deliver CL4 and HL4 during the same semester.
 - Deliver CL4 in one semester and HL4 in a subsequent semester.
 - Coordinate with another training provider in the same region to offer CL4 at one school and HL4 at the other school.
- ITA is committed to working with training providers to provide pathways for apprentices to complete their training. If you have any questions that relate to the delivery of harmonized programs, please contact the Training Investment Department at investment@ita.bc.ca about funding.

Apprentice Pathways through Dual Streaming

Where dual streaming is indicated in a transition plan, **students must remain in their program (current or harmonized); transitioning is not allowed.**

- Apprentices who have completed CL2 **cannot** transition into the harmonized program in Year 2. They must take CL3. **(i.e. CL2 take CL3)** Please do not allow apprentices in the current program to register in HL3 in Year 2, as this will result in substantial gaps in their training.
- Apprentices who complete HL2 in Year 1 must go on to take HL3 later. **(i.e. HL2 take HL3)** Students who have completed the previous level in the HL program must take the next level in the HL program.

Allowing apprentices to register into the Current level (CL) program will result in substantial gaps in their training.

- When requesting exams, please indicate clearly whether the class has completed CL or HL.



For more information contact

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