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Machinist

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Subject Transition to Harmonized Program Update

From ITA Program Standards

Effective Date September 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

Year 1 April 2020	HL1 7 weeks	HL2 8 weeks Gap A 3 days (TP support)	CL3 7 weeks	CL4 7 weeks
Year 2 April (Sept) 2021	HL1 7 weeks	HL2 8 weeks Gap A 3 days (TP support)	HL3 8 weeks CL3 7 weeks	HL4 6 weeks (Sept 2021) CL4 7 weeks
Year 3 April 2022	HL1 7 weeks	HL2 8 weeks	HL3 8 weeks CL3 7 weeks (if needed)	HL4 6 weeks CL4 7 weeks (if needed)
Year 4 April 2023	HL1 7 weeks	HL2 8 weeks	HL3 8 weeks	HL4 6 weeks

Legend:
Current Level – CL
Harmonized Level - HL

General Transition Information

From September 1, 2021, please begin offering Harmonized Level 4 (HL4) as scheduled. Also, dual stream Current Level 4 (CL4) alongside HL4, as needed to accommodate apprentices who have completed Current Level 3 (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 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 CL3 **cannot** transition into the harmonized program later. They must take CL4. **(i.e. CL3 take CL4)** Please do not allow apprentices in the current program to register in HL4 in Year 2 (Sept), as this will result in substantial gaps in their training.
- Apprentices who complete HL3 in Year 2 must go on to take HL4 later. **(i.e. HL3 take HL4)** 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.



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