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**Trade: Plumber**

**To** ITA Training Providers  
Articulation Chair  
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School Districts ITA Training Providers

**Subject** Transition to Harmonized Program Update

**From** ITA Program Standards

**Effective Date** Immediately

**Background** On March 2, 2018 ITA Program Standards issued [OPSN 2018 001.1](#), which detailed the changes to the Plumber Program as a result of the Harmonization Initiative and announced the implementation of a revised Program Outline, effective April 1, 2019. Further to this, on September 20, 2018, ITA issued a [Program Update](#) announcing the [Transition Plan](#), summarized in the graphics below:

Implementation Timelines	
Level 1/ Fdn/ Youth	April 1, 2019
Level 2	April 1, 2020
Level 3	April 1, 2021
Level 4	April 1, 2022

<b>Year 0</b> 18/19	CL1	CL2	CL3	CL4
<b>Year 1</b> 19/20	HL1	CL2	CL3	CL4
<b>Year 2</b> 20/21	HL1	HL2 <small>Gap A: 5 days</small>	CL3	CL4
<b>Year 3</b> 21/22	HL1	HL2 <small>Gap A: 5 days</small>	HL3 <small>CL3</small>	CL4
<b>Year 4</b> 22/23	HL1	HL2 <small>Gap A (If needed)</small>	HL3 <small>CL3</small>	HL4 <small>CL4</small>
<b>Year 5</b> 23/24	HL1	HL2	HL3	HL4 <small>CL4</small>
<b>Year 6</b> 24/25	HL1	HL2	HL3	HL4

**General  
Transition  
Information**

Please begin offering Harmonized Level 2 (HL2) as scheduled for April 1, 2020.

After April 1, 2020 all intakes of Level 2 should be harmonized.

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](mailto:assessmentscoordinator@itabc.ca).

**Gap A Training at HL2**

- Apprentices with Current Level 1 (CL1) or Current Foundation (FDN) who transition into the harmonized program require gap training in order to receive credit for HL1
- Apprentices with Harmonized Level 1 (HL1) or Harmonized FDN do not need to take gap training
- Gap training is 30 hours; delivery mode and schedule is up to the training provider. However, it is important that the gap training is completed before the end of HL2.

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