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Trade: Landscape Horticulturist

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Subject Transition to Harmonized Program Update

From ITA Program Standards

Effective Date Immediately

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](#), summarized in the graphics below:

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

Year 0 2017/18	CL1	CL2	CL3	CL4
Year 1 2018/19	HL1(APP)	CL2	CL3	CL4
Year 2 2019/20	HL1 (APP/FND)	CL2 HL2 (APP)	CL3	CL4
Year 3 2020/21	HL1	HL2 Gap training 40 hrs. - if needed	CL3 (if needed) HL3	CL4
Year 4 2021/22	HL1	HL2	HL3	HL4

General Transition Information

From September 1, 2019, please begin offering Harmonized Foundation as scheduled. Also, begin dual streaming Current Level 2 (CL2) and Harmonized Level 2 (HL2). 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.

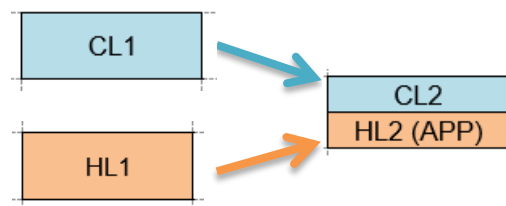
Dual Streaming of CL2 and HL2

- 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 the CL2 and HL2 during the same semester.
 - Deliver CL2 in one semester and HL2 in a subsequent semester.
 - Coordinate with another training provider in the same region to offer CL2 at one school and HL2 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@itabc.ca to enquire about funding.

Apprentice Pathways through Dual Streaming

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

- Apprentices who have completed CL1 cannot transition into the harmonized program in Year 2. They must take CL2. **(i.e. CL1 take CL2)** Please do not allow apprentices in the current program to register in HL2 in Year 2, as this will result in serious gaps in their training.
- Apprentices who complete Harmonized Level 2 (HL2) in Year 2 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 serious gaps in their training.
- When requesting exams, please indicate clearly whether the class has completed CL or HL. Please use catalogue items.



An apprentice who took CL1 must take CL2. **Do not register this apprentice for HL2.**

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For more information contact

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