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Landscape Horticulturist

To ITA Training Providers
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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/ FNDT	September 1, 2019
Level 3	September 1, 2020
Level 4	September 1, 2021

Year 1 2018	HL1 (APP)	CL2	CL3	CL4
Year 2 2019	HL1 (APP, FNDT)	HL2 (APP) CL2	CL3	CL4
Year 3 2020	HL1	HL2 Gap Training 40 hrs – if needed	HL3 CL3 (if needed)	CL4
Year 4 2021	HL1	HL2	HL3	HL4

General Transition Information

From September 1, 2020, please begin offering Harmonized Level 2 (HL2) with gap training, if needed, to accommodate any remaining Current Level 1 (CL1) finishers. Also begin offering Harmonized Level 3 (HL3) as scheduled and dual stream Current Level 3 (CL3) alongside Harmonized Level 3 (HL3) to accommodate apprentices who have completed Current Level 2 (CL2) and Foundation (FNDT).

For information about **how to determine which program to register an apprentice in**, please refer to the Registration Guide for [Registering 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 the 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.

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 CL2 **cannot** transition into the harmonized program in Year 3. They must take CL3. **(i.e. CL2 take CL3)** Please do not allow apprentices in the current program to register in HL3 in Year 3, as this will result in substantial 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 substantial gaps in their training.
- When requesting exams, please indicate clearly whether the class has completed CL or HL.



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