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Program: Hairstylist

To: ITA Training Providers
Articulation Chair
School Districts

Subject: **Hairstylist Program Update**

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Summary of Change: Please be advised that a new Program Profile and Outline have been posted on the Industry Training Authority (ITA) website. These changes will affect the Challenge pathway as of January 1st, 2016 and the Apprenticeship pathway as of April 1st, 2016.

Rationale: The Hairstylist industry has requested that ITA's Hairstylist program be modified to enable the Red Seal endorsement on the Certificate of Qualification (CofQ). Following recommendations by industry, ITA is introducing two levels of technical training as well as a practical assessment into the program completion requirements. Industry also recommended that the BC provincial name of Cosmetologist be dropped and the Red Seal name of Hairstylist be adopted for the trade.

Details: A Hairstylist Program Review was conducted in January 2012 to align ITA's program outline to the National Occupational Analysis (2011) in order to meet Interprovincial Red Seal standards. Subsequent meetings in July 2012 resulted in a credentialing model that included the recommended two levels of technical training (first level with a standardized written exam) as well as a practical assessment to be applied following completion of Level 2. Following a training duration analysis by industry in September 2014 the program standards were approved by the ITA Standards Review Committee in May 2014.

ITA is developing assessment tools and will be training a pool of ITA Registered Assessors to deliver practical assessments at venues across the province. Documentation for the practical assessment will be posted at a later date following consultation with Subject Matter Experts in late September.

In addition to the new Program Profile and Outline, an exam weighting chart for Level 1 can be found on the **Hairstylist** page of the ITA website. An Interprovincial (IP) Exam Table will also be posted on this page as an additional reference tool.

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