

Heavy Mechanical Trades Transition

1. I have completed Module 1. Will I receive credit for it in the new model?

You will receive credit for 600 work-based training hours but no credit for technical training. In the old model Module 1 was required to enter Level 1 but did not provide any training credit towards Level 1. It has been discontinued in the new model.

If you have completed Module 1 and do not have an employer sponsor you may enter the new Heavy Mechanical Trades (HMT) Foundation program which does provide credit for Level 1 technical training and 450 work-based training hours. While there is significant overlap to Module 1, HMT Foundation is a new (36 week) program which must be completed regardless of Module 1 completion.

If you do have an employer sponsor you may proceed directly to Level 1 technical training (10 weeks) or, challenge the Level 1 exam if you meet the eligibility requirements.

2. I am interested in the Heavy Mechanical Trades Foundation program. Will I receive credit for it?

Yes, you will receive credit for Level 1 technical training and credit for 450 work-based training hours. Credit is applied towards the trade you are registered for; Truck and Transport Technician, Heavy Duty Equipment Technician, Diesel Engine Mechanic or Transport Trailer Technician.

3. I've completed Level 1 of the heavy mechanical trades in the old program (Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, Commercial Transport Vehicle Mechanic or Diesel Engine Mechanic). What do I do now?

Those who have completed Level 1 Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic or Commercial Transport Vehicle Mechanic in the old model remain in the old model until all levels are complete. This model will be phased out by September 2017. Alternatively, a limited number of training providers may offer opportunities for apprentices to enter into the new model early. Contact training providers in your region for more information. This applies only to those transitioning to Heavy Equipment Technician or Truck and Transport Technician.

Those who have completed Level 1 Diesel Engine Mechanic in the old model remain in the old model and must complete Level 2 before September 2015.

4. I've completed levels 1 and 2 of Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic or Commercial Transport Vehicle Mechanic. What do I do now?

Those who have completed beyond Level 1 in the old model (i.e., Levels 2-3) remain in the old model until all levels are complete. This model will be phased out by September 2017.

5. I've completed all 4 levels of Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic or Commercial Transport Vehicle Mechanic. What do I do now?

No change. Just write your Interprovincial Red Seal exam and ensure you have met the required work-based training hours – 6000 for Heavy Duty and 5940 for Commercial Transport.

6. I'm registered as a Transport Trailer Technician apprentice. The old program had no technical training, but the new program does. How does this affect me?

No change, although you will be required to complete all of the program requirements by December 2016. Those who don't complete by this date will be required to complete Level 1 in the new model or may apply to challenge the certification.

7. I've completed the old Diesel Engine Mechanic Foundation program. What credit can I get towards completing the Diesel Engine program in the new model?

You will receive 350 hours towards your work-based training requirements but no technical training credit.

8. How long are old model levels to be offered?

One level will be phased out and replaced with a new model level each year beginning in Sept 2014 leading to complete replacement by September 2017.

9. Are we sticking to the current transition plan given that some training providers are offering early transition to the new model?

Yes. Aside from a limited number of exceptions training providers will be following the existing phased transition plan which phases out 1 level each year beginning September 2014. Contact training providers in your region for availability of early transitioning to the new model.

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