



## **HORTICULTURE TECHNICIAN FOUNDATION**

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### **Occupation Description**

The program is intended to serve as a common core towards years one and two of Production Horticulturist, Landscape Horticulturist and Arboriculturist (when developed) and enable graduates to follow three possible career paths:

1. Entry into industry as a skilled worker
2. Academic credits towards second year of 2-year diploma program
3. Entry into level three of Horticulture (Production & Landscape) Apprenticeship Program

For detailed information on the scope of knowledge and skills taught and assessed in this program refer to the Program Outline, available on the ITA website.

### **Pathways to Certification**

Foundation programs provide adults and youth who do not have work experience or employer sponsorship with an opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills needed to enter the occupation.

### **Recommended Education**

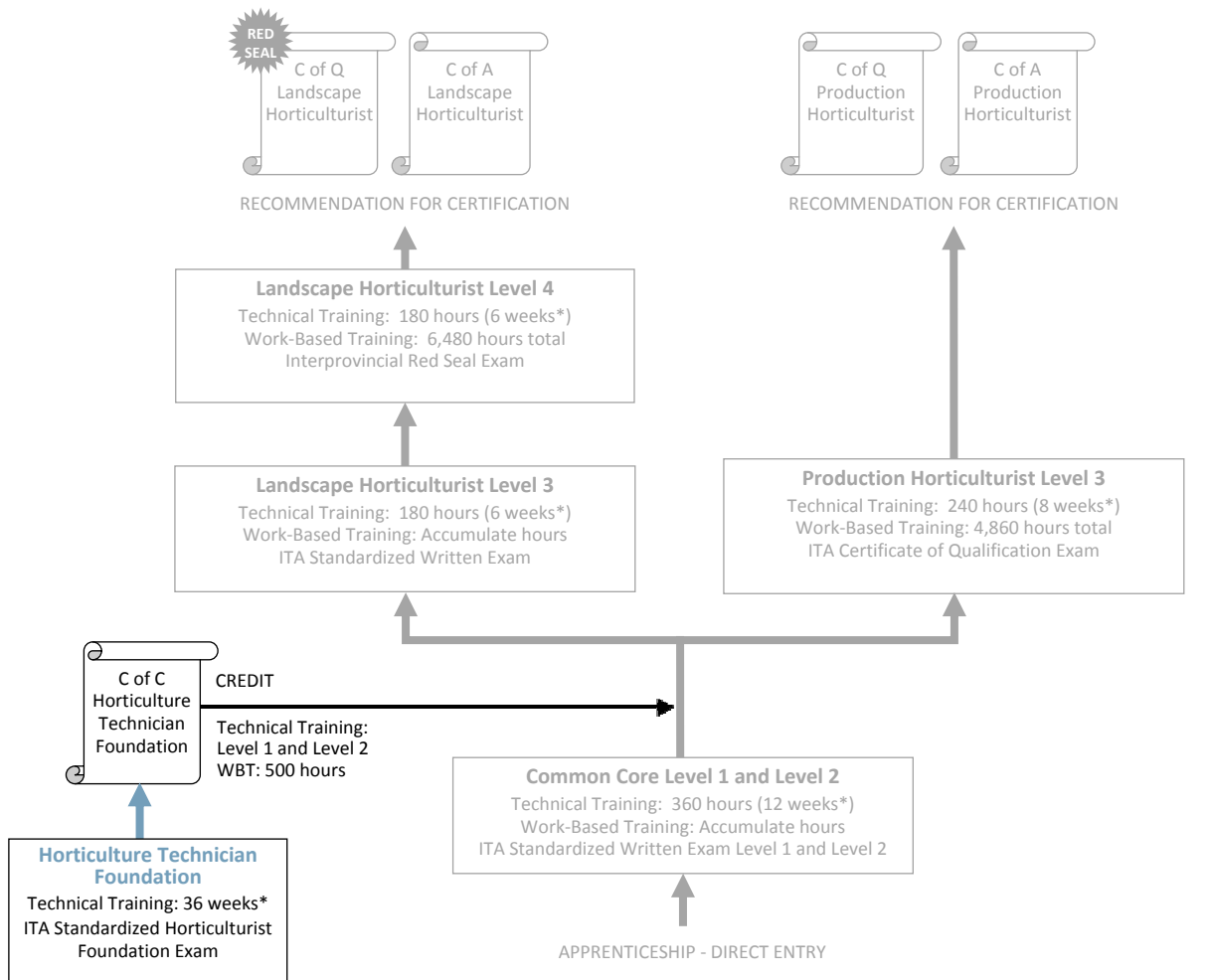
The following education is recommended for apprentices entering this occupation. These are not prerequisites, but rather a desired level of skill or knowledge that will contribute to success in the industry.

- Grade 10 or equivalent including English 10, Mathematics 10 and Science 10.  
Preferred: Grade 12

### **ITA Registration**

Individuals who wish to enroll in a Foundation program must register directly with the training provider.

**Program Credentialing Model**



\*Suggested duration based on 30-hour week

*C of Q = Certificate of Qualification  
C of A = Certificate of Apprenticeship  
C of C = Certificate of Completion  
WBT = Work-Based Training*



## Foundation Program

### Foundation Program Standards

Credentials Awarded	Horticulture Technician – Certificate of Completion				
Enrollment Prerequisites	Contact training provider. Prerequisites vary between training institutions				
Completion Requirements	A Certificate of Completion in this program is awarded upon successful completion of: <table><thead><tr><th>Requirement</th><th>Level of Achievement Required</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Technical Training and ITA standardized written exam</td><td><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minimum 70%</li></ul></td></tr></tbody></table>	Requirement	Level of Achievement Required	Technical Training and ITA standardized written exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minimum 70%</li></ul>
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Program Duration	Duration varies depending on how training is delivered, but program generally takes 36 weeks to complete, assuming 30 hours in school per week				
Credit toward Apprenticeship	Individuals who complete the Horticulture Technician Foundation program will receive the following credit toward completion of the Landscape and Production Horticulturist apprenticeship programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Technical Training: Level 1 and Level 2</li><li>Work-Based Training: 500 hours</li></ul>				



## INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM PROFILE RECOGNIZED PROGRAM

### Supporting Documents

Horticulture Technician Foundation Program Outline (2013). Available from the ITA website.

### Contacts

The **Industry Training Authority (ITA)** manages B.C.'s industry training and apprenticeship programs. Contact ITA Customer service if you have any questions regarding registration, examinations or certification for this program.

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### Revision History

The standards for this program were reviewed and/or updated on the dates below.

Program Standards Approved: July 2006  
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Program Profiles are updated regularly. Visit [www.itabc.ca](http://www.itabc.ca) for the most current version.