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Program: Carpenter

To: ITA Training Providers
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Subject: **Carpenter Standardized Level Exams**

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Effective Date: January 1, 2016 – Level 3
February 1, 2016 – Levels 1 and 2

Summary of Change: Please be advised that ITA is introducing Standardized Level Exams (SLEs) for Carpenter Levels 1 and 2. All apprentices enrolled in Carpentry Level 1 and 2 classes starting on or after February 1, 2016 will be required to write the SLE for their level of training. The exam will contribute 20% toward an apprentice's final mark. The exam is not available for challenge at this time.

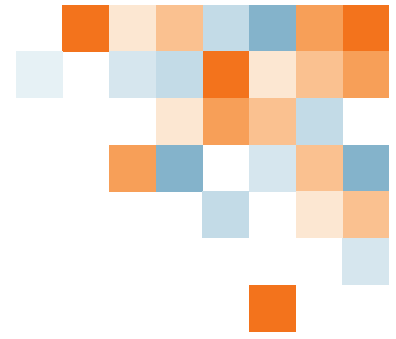
The Carpenter SLE for Level 3 has been revised. All Level 3 classes starting on or after January 1, 2016 will write the revised SLE.

Exam Weighting Charts are available for Levels 1, 2, 3 on our website at <http://www.itabc.ca/program/carpenter>. These charts show the approximate percentage of weighting per General Area of Competency (GAC).

Rationale: The Carpenter Program Outline was revised in 2015 to align it to a new National Occupational Analysis (NOA). The revised Program Outline came into effect January 1, 2016. Due to changes in the sequencing of the competencies the SLEs have been revised and aligned to the new Program Outline.

General Information

Scheduling Exams Exams are to be requested by training providers via the usual ITA procedure. Training providers are required to complete an ITA Exam Request Form six-to-eight weeks prior to the scheduled exam date. ITA will invigilate these exams unless other arrangements are organized between ITA's Exam Department and the training provider.



Calculating Final Percentage Scores For ITA Level Exams

Process – effective October 1, 2014

- ITA administers the SLE, records the mark in Direct Access, and reports it to the school. The apprentice is not notified when the SLE mark is entered.
- Training providers weight and blend the in-school (80%) and SLE (20%) marks to produce a final mark for the Level (or as indicated in the Assessment Guidelines). That final, blended mark is reported to ITA by the school and recorded in Direct Access.
- Direct Access reports the school's final blended mark for the Level to the apprentice as a single percentage score.
- Once the final Level mark is entered in Direct Access, the system performs a reverse calculation using the SLE mark to determine the in-school mark. All three marks are stored in the apprentice's record, but only the final Level mark is reported on the ITA transcript.

A percentage score of 70% or greater is required to pass when the final in-school percentage score and the final ITA Level exam percentage score are blended.

Interprovincial Red Seal Exam (Final Level)

Certification exam results **are not blended** with in-school technical training results in the final Level of the program. ITA Interprovincial Red Seal exams remain a standalone program completion requirement.

In order to achieve certification, Carpenter apprentices are required to write the Interprovincial Red Seal exam after their final level of technical training.

To be eligible to write the Red Seal exam, apprentices must have passed all Levels of in-school technical training. Red Seal exams are requested by training providers via the usual ITA procedure. A score of 70% or greater is required for a pass on certification exams. ITA administers and invigilates the certification exams and records exam results in ITA Direct Access.

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