

OFFICIAL PROGRAM STANDARDS NOTICE (OPSN)

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Programs:	Automotive Service Technician
To:	SkilledTradesBC Training Providers Articulation Chair System Liaison Person Youth Train in Trades School Districts
Subject:	Launch of Updated 2024 Automotive Service Technician Program
OPSN No.:	OPSN 2024 009
Effective Date:	September 1, 2024
Summary:	A new Program Outline, Foundation Outline, and Program Profile have been posted to the SkilledTradesBC website for Automotive Service Technician (AST). The changes are effective September 1, 2024 . Changes include updates to the occupational description and program content, and the removal of the level 4 SLE from program completion requirements.
Details:	<p>Throughout 2022 and 2023, the Red Seal Occupational Standard (RSOS) and the provincial Program Outline for Automotive Service Technician were reviewed and updated as part of the pan-Canadian Harmonization Initiative. The following changes were made to the AST program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AST Occupational Description was updated to reflect changes in technology. Additionally, the reference to gross vehicle limit of 5,500 kg was removed. • The AST Program Outlines have been updated to reflect enhanced and new content with minor changes to the sequencing of training topics. • The AST Standardized Level Exam (SLE) for level 4 was removed. Apprentices beginning level 4 technical training on, or after, September 1, 2024 are not required to write an SLE for level 4.

Please note that BC continues to be aligned to the harmonized trade name, number of levels, training topic sequencing, and total training hours.

Summary of Changes:

Trade	Current	New
Red Seal Trade Name	Automotive Service Technician	No Change
Total Number of Levels	4 Levels	No Change
Total Number of Hours (TT & WBT)	7,200 Hours	No Change
Training Topic Sequencing	Harmonized	No Change

Rationale: At the request of industry, the Canadian Council of Directors of Apprenticeship's (CCDA) Harmonization Initiative was launched in the fall of 2013 and endorsed by the Forum of Labour Market Ministers (FLMM) in 2014. The goal of Harmonization is to substantively align apprenticeship systems across Canada by making apprenticeship training requirements more consistent in Red Seal trades.

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