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Dear Apprentices and Sponsors

Re: Important Information on the Changes to the Rig Technician Trades

Please be advised that the Industry Training Authority (ITA) has revised the certification model for Rig Technician programs. The Resource Training Organization (RTO) has been working in consultation with industry and the Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors to review the program standards for the Rig Technician trade. This review process resulted in a recommendation to ITA that the certification model for the Rig Technician programs be revised. The revised certification model reflects the training and the skill sets that apprentices must achieve as they progress through their apprenticeship.

Previously the Rig Technician trade was a progressive credential that required the apprentices to re-register as an apprentice into a new program after completing each of the progressive programs, Rig Technician 1, Rig Technician 2 and Rig Technician 3. It was found that the program structure was not a good fit for the requirements of the Rig Technician Industry. The new apprentice program structure no longer requires the apprentices to re-register after each level. However, apprentices and employers must still complete a new Apprentice Registration form if employers change during their apprenticeship.

The new Rig Technician training program structure now consists of one apprenticeship program that includes three levels of technical training. Upon completion of the work-based hours requirement, all three levels of technical training, successful completion of the Interprovincial examination, and the Recommendation for Certification; apprentices will receive Rig Technician credentials.

Table of Trade Requirement

Trade	Technical Training	Work-based Hours	Credentials Issued
Rig Technician	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rig Technician Level 1 Technical Training and ITA Level Exam; • Rig Technician Level 2 Technical Training and ITA Level Exam; • Rig Technician Level 3 Technical Training and ITA Level Exam; • Interprovincial Exam 	4500 Rig Technician work based hours	Rig Technician Certificate of Apprenticeship and Certificate of Qualification (with Red Seal endorsement)

The launch date for the new Rig Technician apprenticeship program was May 3, 2010. Apprentices wishing to receive a Rig Technician 1 or Rig Technician 2 Certificate of Qualification under the old program structure must have completed all requirements before this

date. No apprentices currently registered in the Rig Technician apprenticeship program will be penalized in any way by these changes. Apprentices will receive full credit for what they have accomplished to date in their program. The Industry Training Authority will be evaluating the apprentice's records and evaluate how they will be transitioned into the new program based on the technical training that they have successfully completed. A summary of how the requirements will be transitioned are below. A summary of the trade requirements for the new program can be found on the Trade Requirement table on the next page. For further information please review the new Program Profile that is available on the ITA web site www.itabc.ca.

Technical Training Transition

<u>Technical Training Completed</u>	<u>Summative Exam Completed</u>	<u>Technical Training Requirements Met for new Program?</u>	<u>Next Step</u>
Rig Technician 1 Technical Training Completed	Rig Technician 1 Exam completed	Level 1 Technical Training completed	Attend Level 2 Technical Training
Rig Technician 1 Technical Training Completed	Rig Technician 1 Exam not completed	Level 1 Technical Training Not completed	Complete Rig Technician Level 1 Exam
Rig Technician 2 Technical Training Completed	Rig Technician 2 Exam completed	Level 2 Technical Training completed	Attend Level 3 Technical Training
Rig Technician 2 Technical Training Completed	Rig Technician 2 Exam not completed	Level 2 Technical Training not completed	Complete Rig Technician Level 2 Exam

To enable the Industry Training Authority to provide you with frequent and timely future communications about your apprenticeship(s) we request that you provide us with your email address. All future updates on program changes to the Rig Technician Apprenticeship program will be made available via email and posted on the Industry Training Authority website, www.itabca.ca. To receive further updates via email on your apprenticeship, please email the ITA at response@itabc.ca and provide the following information:

✓ Full Legal Name	✓ Mailing address
✓ ITA Individual ID (TWID)	✓ Email address
✓ Birth date (day/month/year)	

If you have any further questions, please contact Customer Service, via email at customerservice@itabc.ca

We are confident that these new changes will be positive for both apprentices and sponsors. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work through this exercise. The ITA and RTO would like to wish you continued success in your future endeavours.

Sincerely,



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