



## ELECTRICAL PROGRAM STANDARDS PROJECT

**Update – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

The Electrical Program Standards Project (EPSP) has made significant progress.

In early June a workshop was held with qualified participants from around the province to review the existing Provincial Outline for the construction electrician program and to align it with the National Occupational Analysis (for Red Seal).

A new draft program outline was developed for initial review by the EPSP Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee met June 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the outline. A process for further developing the outline was determined which would include additional input from Electricians, Electrical Contractors and the colleges.

It is anticipated that a final draft outline will be developed by the end of August, 2005. At that time, the draft will be forwarded to organizations and other interested parties for their input. The draft outline will also be posted to the BCCA website ([www.bccassn.com](http://www.bccassn.com)) for downloading.

Regional forums will be established in the fall through local construction associations for further consultation.

The Steering Committee will be meeting again in August to begin formulating a number of policy recommendations for the Electrical program. Policies under consideration will be presented for public consultation prior to any recommendations going forward.

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Activities for the project will include the following:

1. Aligning the existing BC program outline with the National Occupation Analysis (for Red Seal).
2. A review of the content and structure of the program outline to ensure it is meeting industry needs and standards.
3. Producing a 'Table of Specifications' following revision of the program outline to enable the development of assessment tools
4. Producing examination item banks with a minimum of 450 questions for each level.
5. Providing a recommendation on whether to re-establish a BC Certificate of Qualification following a level 4 examination (which would then be followed by the Inter-provincial exam for Red Seal endorsement). If it is a positive recommendation this will have impact on the program outline review and exam bank development.
6. Providing a recommendation on establishing provincial standards for electrical entry-level training, such as duration, content, technical training credit.
7. Providing a recommendation on establishing provincial standards for electrical ACE-IT and Secondary School Apprenticeship programs.

The Committee will also consider

8. Updating/re-designing supporting tools and resources (ie Training Guides, Log Books)