



ELECTRICAL PROGRAM STANDARDS PROJECT

Update – May 16, 2005

The BCCA and its Advisory Committee on Construction Training (ACCT) have established the Steering Committee for the electrical program standards project and hired Keith Dunbar, a curriculum development expert, to act as project consultant.

Steering Committee members are as follows:

Peter Krause, Paragon Electrical Installations Ltd.
Gerald Reinders, Granby Group
Ron Fettback, Western Pacific Enterprises
Dan Mott, Mott Electric Ltd.
Rod Goy, Associate Dean, Industrial Construction BCIT

Ex Officio:

Geoff Stevens, ITA
Abigail Fulton, BCCA
Keith Dunbar, Curriculum Development Consultant
Mickey Bliss, Electrical Articulation Committee
Richard Campbell, ECA
Brendon Farrell, VRCA

The Committee met May 3rd for the first time to establish project activities and discuss the development of working groups.

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)

In undertaking the initial three tasks, the Committee has agreed to enlist a first working group of approximately 12 qualified individuals from around the province to take part in curriculum facilitation in the second week of June. The working group will include trade journeypersons and representation from education providers. An expert on curriculum facilitation would be hired to lead the process. The Committee is relying on recommendations from electrical contractors to identify appropriate journeypersons for this exercise. An effort is being made to ensure that journeypersons are representative of the different regions and contractors within BC.

The Committee recognizes the need for broad stakeholder participation throughout the process and a list of stakeholders and interested parties is being developed for communication purposes. Discussion has already been initiated with Heavy Industry to ensure integration with their industrial electrician program development.

A second steering committee meeting is scheduled for May 30th to establish priorities and timelines. A communication and work plan will also be reviewed and updated. It is expected that work will begin on policy recommendations in the near future with further working groups appointed.

Stakeholders will be canvassed on all materials and recommendations developed.

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