

APPRENTICESHIP AND CERTIFICATION BOARD POLICY

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| Name: | Hollow Year |
| Subject: | Regulatory |
| Effective Date: | December 12, 2012 |

Definition:

A hollow year is a level of apprenticeship training that does not contain any prescribed technical training.

Policy Statement:

The Apprenticeship and Certification Board (Board) will remove the level from any trade's term of apprenticeship that does not contain prescribed technical training. Further, the Board will not approve any additional levels to any trade's term of apprenticeship that do not include prescribed, mandatory technical training.

Rationale:

The Board's decision to remove the hollow years from existing trade regulations and to deny future hollow years reflects the belief that hollow years are not justified. The Board has set this precedent through practice in the trades of Steamfitter/Pipefitter, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic, Railway Car Technician, Diesel Engine Mechanic and Gas Turbine Repair and Overhaul Technician and Bricklayer.

Note: The Board may make exceptions to the policy in cases such as pilot projects that review alternate sequencing of technical training or initiatives such as co-op delivery models. However, the Board will discuss exceptions on a case by case basis.

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| Board Motion(s) | December 12, 2012 |
| X-Referencing | |
| Legislation | |
| Comments | |