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Dear Sir/Madam

LAUNCH OF THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY (COC) IN LIFT MAINTENANCE FOR SENIOR LIFT SPECIALIST

AIM

The purpose of this circular is to update the industry on the launch of the Certificate of Competency (COC) in Lift Maintenance for Senior Lift Specialist jointly developed by Building and Construction Authority (BCA) and the Institute of Technical Education (ITE).

BACKGROUND

2 In September 2018, the Lift and Escalator Sectoral Tripartite Committee (L&E STC) released a set of recommendations to improve the lift maintenance service industry which includes upskill the workforce through competencies based courses and certification aligned to the Progressive Wage Model (PWM) for lift maintenance personnel. The full report of the STC and the press release on Government's response to the L&E STC report can be found at: <https://www1.bca.gov.sg/regulatory-info/lifts-escalators/singapore-s-lift-industry-attracting-developing-and-retaining-our-local-workforce>

3 BCA and ITE have since jointly worked on a series of training and certification courses for the structured competencies framework to support the PWM and have progressively rolled out the course for each competency level.

COMPETENCY CERTIFICATION FOR LIFT MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL

4 BCA and ITE are pleased to announce the launch of the Certificate of Competency (CoC) in Lift Maintenance for Senior Lift Specialist.

5 This CoC aims to provide competency certification for all lift maintenance personnel at the "Senior Specialist" level. The CoC is now open for registration at <https://www.ite.edu.sg/courses/part-time-courses/skillsfuture-series-certificate-of-competency>. Government subsidies are also available for Singaporeans and Permanent Residents.

6 Please refer to **Annex A** on the details relating to the course and **Annex B** on the Government subsidies.

ENQUIRIES

An MND Statutory Board

CoC, Registration and Subsidies

7 For further enquiries on the course information, registration and subsidies relating to CoC in Lift Maintenance for Senior Lift Specialist, please contact ITE at Millie_Chee@ite.edu.sg or call ITE Hotline at 1800-2222 111.

Lift Maintenance PWM and New Legislative Amendments

8 For enquires and assistance relating to the lift maintenance PWM, please contact BCA at <https://www.bca.gov.sg/feedbackform/> or call 1800-3425222 (1800-DIAL BCA).

Yours faithfully



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ANNEX A – Details on the Certificate of Competency (CoC) in Lift Maintenance for Senior Lift Specialist

Details of the Certificate of Competency in Lift Maintenance for Senior Lift Specialist

1. The duration of the CoC in Lift Maintenance for Senior Lift Specialist is over 10 evening sessions (each session is 3 hours long). It includes a preparatory course which would take up 8 sessions followed by theory and practical assessments which would be carried out over the last 2 sessions. The assessment would cover topics such as safety procedures, electrical and electronic systems as well as lift testing and adjustments.

Who is eligible for this Certificate of Competency?

2. The CoC in Lift Maintenance for Senior Lift Specialist is intended for existing workers who hold the following certifications:

- *Nitec* in Built Environment (Vertical Transportation)¹; or
- CoC in Lift Maintenance for Lift Specialist

3. All applicants shall have at least 3 years related work experience.

4. Lift firms can support their workers through on-job training. Alternatively, firms may also sign their workers up for the relevant CoC courses offered by ITE to help prepare the participants for the CoC in Lift Maintenance for Senior Lift Specialist certification.

¹ Also previously known as *Nitec* in Facility Technology (Vertical Transportation)

ANNEX B – Fee Subsidies for CoC in Lift Maintenance for Senior Lift Specialist

Fee Subsidies for CoC in Lift Maintenance for Senior Lift Specialist

Subsidies for the fees are available to workers who are Singaporeans or Permanent Residents, detailed in the table below:

Scheme	Applicable for	Nett Fee after subsidy Full Fee \$1337.50
SSG Baseline Subsidy (70% subsidy)	Singaporeans and PR	\$401.25
SkillsFuture Mid-Career Subsidy (90% subsidy)	Singaporean Citizen aged 40 & above	\$151.24

On top of this, employers can claim absentee payroll at 90% of hourly basic salary for sponsored employees, capped at \$10 per hour for the CoC mentioned.