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The Ontario College of Trades has released the updated training standards for three of the auto body trades.

New training standards have been announced effective June 25, 2015, for Auto Body (310Q), Collision Repair (310B) and Automotive Painter (410N). Previously all three trades were contained in one training standard, but the College has created separate log books for these trades.

All apprentices with initial training agreements registered on or after June 25, 2015 must be trained to the new standard. The College will mail a printed 310B Log Book to each apprentice who becomes a new member of their Apprentice Class for the trade after this date.

Some of the changes:

- Estimating Damage Repair which was an optional skill now becomes mandatory
- Paintless Dent Repair is now included in the training standard as an optional skill set.
- Repair of Advanced Electronic Safety and Convenience Systems and Components are now included as optional skills.

A change from optional to mandatory skill set in 310B trade does not mean that performing the skill requires registration as an apprentice or certification as a journeyman in the Auto Body and Collision Damage Repairer trade.

A copy of the updated training standard and the entire implementation advisory are available at [www.collegeoftrades.ca/training-standards](http://www.collegeoftrades.ca/training-standards)

"Including vehicle damage estimating as a mandatory skill and including new electronic skills are steps in the right direction to having shop techs and apprentices respond to advances in automotive technology. New apprentices will now be more valuable and more versatile in their skills to assist in shop repair activities and help move the industry to a higher level of competence in these skilled areas," said CIIA trade association's John Norris

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