

CSTS 2020

Information Sheet

What is CSTS 2020?

CSTS 2020 is the upgraded version of CSTS-09. CSTS 2020 is comprised of nine standard modules grouped together and called CSTS 2020 *Fundamentals* and optional Add-on Modules. On its own, CSTS *Fundamentals* serves as a general construction site orientation for workers new to the construction industry. It is supported by a number of job-specific Add-on Modules to help employers customize CSTS training to fit specific site requirements.

Why did we upgrade CSTS-09?

CSTS was last revised in 2009, and much of the information in CSTS-09 is now outdated. CSTS 2020 includes the most recent legislated changes to Alberta's *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, and reflects current industry best practices.

How have we improved CSTS?

CSTS 2020 (by December 31, 2020):

- includes CSTS 2020 *Fundamentals* with nine modules, and we anticipate adding an additional 20 Add-on Modules by December 31, 2020, plus more to be added on an ongoing basis.
- includes Add-on Modules which range between five to 15 minutes each and can be taken separately.
- allows employers to customize their site orientation to meet their needs. We will continue working to offer the most current legislative and industry standards in Add-on Modules in coming years.
- is inclusive of industrial, commercial, and residential construction site best practices.
- refers to Alberta's recently updated *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.
- high quality training videos utilized in the program are free to download for use in site training, refresher training, toolbox talks, etc.
- utilizes current online training best practices to provide a much more time efficient fundamental orientation:
 - *CSTS 2020 Fundamentals* Course is two to three hours long compared to CSTS-09 that is eight to nine hours long, and
 - CSTS 2020 is mobile friendly. Internet access is required for use on any device.
- will be offered exclusively and openly on our learning management system, allowing workers to always have access to their training certificates.
- this is NOT a Flash-based product. Support for Adobe Flash ending soon.

How long will CSTS 2020 and CSTS-09 be offered FREE of charge?

CSTS 2020 will be available free of charge from September 9, 2019, to December 31, 2020.

CSTS-09 will be available free of charge from September 3 to December 31, 2019—after which it will be retired.

Does CSTS-09 certificate of completion expire after it is retired on January 1, 2020?

No, there is no expiry on CSTS-09.

Do I need to complete CSTS 2020 if I have already completed CSTS-09?

We do not have a requirement for workers/students to complete CSTS 2020. As with any training, employers are responsible to determine their own site access requirements. Please confirm with your employer that you have the required training to be granted site access.

What are CSTS 2020 Add-On Modules?

CSTS 2020 Add-on Modules are job-specific training modules to help employers customize CSTS training to fit their specific job site requirements. By January 2020, CSTS 2020 makes available all modules that are included in CSTS-09, plus much more in optional modules.

The 20 Add-on Module topics include:

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| 1. Concrete Pump Truck | 11. Propane on the Work Site* |
| 2. Controlling Hazardous Energy* | 12. Pumpjack Scaffolds |
| 3. Confined Spaces** | 13. Respiratory Protection Equipment |
| 4. Driving** | 14. Rigging, Hoists, and Cranes |
| 5. Drywall | 15. Roofing |
| 6. Environmental Protection** | 16. Safeguarding |
| 7. Excavations** | 17. Scaffolds** |
| 8. Framing | 18. Silica |
| 9. Ladders** | 19. Transportation of Dangerous Goods |
| 10. Mobile Equipment Awareness* | 20. Working at Height** |

**currently available*

***available in spring 2020*

Note: all 20 Add-on Modules will be available by December 31, 2020

How do I know what CSTS 2020 Add-On Modules I need to complete to get work site access?

It is your employer's responsibility to determine the Add-on Modules they require for work site access. Please confirm the training requirements for site access with your employer.

Do I need an ACSA Student Account to access the FREE CSTS courses?

Yes. To sign-up for a FREE ACSA Student Account or to log in your pre-existing account, please click [here](#).

We will be using the Welcome Page on your account to share updates and information about CSTS 2020 and CSTS-09. We encourage all users to monitor this page each time they log in to their accounts.

Do I need to enter a coupon code to get CSTS 2020 and CSTS-09 courses for FREE?

No. You do not need a coupon code to get the CSTS courses and the Add-on Modules for FREE. Prices are adjusted to FREE and will reflect accordingly in your Shopping Cart.

How do I add the FREE CSTS courses to my transcript?

The process to add the FREE CSTS-09 course, CSTS 2020 *Fundamentals* course and Add-on Modules is the same self-serve process you use for other ACSA courses.

Please refer to the [Student User Guide](#) for instructions on using this self-serve process.

Will the CSTS 2020 Add-on Modules automatically appear on my account after I add CSTS 2020 *Fundamentals*, or do I need to add them separately?

Each CSTS 2020 topic add-on is a separate module with its own certificate of completion. You are free to add each module to your transcript through the same self-serve process as you currently use for other ACSA courses.

Please refer to the [Student User Guide](#) for instructions on using this self-serve process.

How much will CSTS 2020 Fundamentals and Add-on Modules cost after the free period is over (January 1, 2021)?

We are currently working towards establishing a CSTS 2020 pricing model. We will communicate with you once we determine the price. When the free offering purchase is over, we anticipate CSTS 2020 will be sold for \$49 per user including all Add-on Modules.