



**Alberta Construction
Safety Association**



ENHANCEMENTS TO THE NCSO DESIGNATION INFORMATION SHEET

We are excited to be rolling out the NCSO changes—based on the feedback received from our current Practitioners. Coupling your feedback with collaborative work of the Canadian Federation of Construction Safety Association (CFCSA), we have developed a new standard for the NCSO designation. This new standard aims to strengthen the NCSO designation, making it more credible while allowing ease of transferability amongst other provinces.

By pursuing this new standard, and achieving an 'Active' NCSO status, you are showing commitment to continual improvement and professional development, which after all, is the foundation of health and safety management.

When:

Effective July 1st 2017, all new registrants in the NCSO program will fall under the new standard. Those who achieve their Active NCSO status, will have it noted on their transcript and certificate with the updated NCSO logo as evidence of completion. You will use this to demonstrate your HSE commitment to current and prospective employers. However, please note that an Active list will not be posted publically for three years (July 1st, 2020), allowing time for existing NCSOs to meet the new requirements and be included if they wish.

What (are the enhancements):

Courses:

- Worksite Investigation Basics is now mandatory
- Communication & Ethics for the Safety Leader is now mandatory
- Confined Space Entry/Monitor is now an elective
- The Prime Contractor course will be discontinued and content will be included in the existing Legislation Awareness course

Exam:

- NCSO Closed-book Final Exam (75% pass mark)
- There is no cost for initial exam writing. If initially unsuccessful, an administrative fee of \$60 will apply to subsequent exam challenges.

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Maintenance:

- Maintain Standard First Aid
- Maintain Auditor status
- Take at least one additional course every three year cycle from ACSA or another CFCSA member. Alternatively, you can attend the NCSO Professional Development Conference or another HSE related conference event.
- If you do not maintain your active status (become inactive), you can regain it by meeting the requirements of the current standard. This may mean renewing a first aid course, and any of the additional requirements outlined here.

Who:

Current NCSOs will retain their designation. However, NCSOs who want to maintain an 'Active' status, must meet the new requirements to be included on the Active list (to be made public July 1st, 2020).

Why:

We are enhancing the HSE practitioner requirements in response to member demands. In doing this, we create alignment in the National Standard - allowing inter-provincial reciprocity and mobility. Lifelong learning benefits you and the HSE profession and encourages recognition of evolving standards and technology presented in this industry. We will all benefit from this maintenance!

Where:

You can take the required courses for your Active NCSO status at any ACSA training facility location in the province. To write the NCSO exam however, you will need to go to one of our three main office locations in Edmonton, Calgary or Fort McMurray.

Your NCSO Active status will also be recognized inter-provincially, however to do this you will need to complete the Legislation course and/or exam to demonstrate knowledge in the differing legislative requirements for that province.

For more information, go to our website: youracsa.ca/ncso-hsa
or e-mail info@youracsa.ca

For further details on the CFCSA and for contact information for other provinces, please visit www.cfcsa.ca



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