Apprenticeship and Trade-Related Exam Centres

The Ontario government has gradually reopened all 24 provincial centres for apprenticeship and trade-related



certifications, based on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer and provincial health authorities. Apprentices and skilled tradespeople can now book their final exams at their local apprenticeship office.

Exam centres were closed for regular in-person exams in March due to COVID-19. All exam centres and partner sites have put safety measures in place such as mandating the wearing of masks, spacing exam desks at least two metres apart and limiting the number of examinees at exam sittings. For more information <u>Click Here</u>

Equivalency or Temporary TDG Certificate

From: Transport Canada

If a person wishes to carry on an activity related to transporting dangerous goods in a way that is not in compliance with the Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) Regulations, he or she must apply for an Equivalency Certificate following the information requirements in Part 14 of the TDG Regulations and must show that the way in which the activity will be carried on will provide a level of safety equivalent to complying with the Regulations.

Pursuant to subsection 31(2.1) of the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, 1992 (TDG Act) the Minister may, in the public interest, issue a temporary certificate authorizing any activity to be carried on in a manner that does not comply with the TDG Act.

If a person wishes to apply for a Temporary certificate they must apply for a Temporary Certificate. <u>Click Here</u>

Access List of Valid TDG Certificates (Permits)

All valid certificates (permits) are available for review. Here you can view all of the active certificates that have been approved for any given organization. The search function serves as a filter, using the certificate number or an organization name. A search can be done using one of the fields below. To search any current valid certificate, please click on the following link:

Approvals - Search by Certificate Number or Certificate Holder



Test Yourself

First Correct answer wins a prize – answer to be published on the web site.

How soon do symptoms typically appear after exposure to COVID19?

Send your answer by email to: newsletter@safetyscope.net

This Months Tip: Workplace Inspections

While the COVID-19 situation is changing rapidly, the legislation and regulations used to govern Ontario's workplaces are not.

The JHSC inspections need to add more layers.

- A workplace COVID-19 policy must be in place and implemented
- Is there hierarchy of controls?
- Has the JHSC or worker health and safety rep been fully consulted on the controls of this hazard?
- Have all staff been trained?
- Physical distancing, floor markings, staggered break times, shifts etc are adhered to?

<u>Click here</u> for checklist to review **Think about it.**

Safetyscope Upcoming courses

Working @ Heights	Oct 2,	16 &		
	Oct 30)		
W@H refresher	Oct 9	& 23		
Confined Space				
Awareness	Oct 1	9—20		
Confined Space Reso	cue	TBA		
First Aid		TBA		
Competent Supervis	or	TBA		
Contact Us with your training				
needs training@safetyscope.net				

Tower Crane Inspection and Maintenance

From August 31, 2020 to December 31, 2020 the MLTSD will run an initiative that focuses on tower crane inspections and maintenance on projects. This will ensure compliance with:

- manufacturer instructions
- applicable sections within Ontario Regulation 213/91 for construction projects

Compliance Assistance

The Construction Health and Safety Program created a tower crane checklist for stakeholders that outlines what inspectors will look for during a tower crane inspection at a project. Employers should use the checklist as guidance material to help them comply with tower crane regulatory requirements. It is not intended to replace the regulation.

You can find the checklist by Clicking Here

Focused inspections

From August 31, 2020 to December 31, 2020 the MLTSD plans to inspect every tower crane on construction projects throughout the province.

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Training Requirements

Has your organization done this training? It's the Law

An accessibility standard may apply only to a person or organization that,

- (a) provides goods, services or facilities;
- (b) employs persons in Ontario;
- (c) offers accommodation;
- (d) owns or occupies a building, structure or premises; or



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(e) is engaged in a prescribed business, activity or undertaking or meets such other requirements as may be prescribed.

Reg. 191/11: Integrated Accessibility Standards

Training

7. (1) Every obligated organization shall ensure that training is provided on the requirements of the accessibility standards referred to in this Regulation and on the Human Rights Code as it pertains to persons with disabilities to,

(a) all persons who are an employee of, or a volunteer with, the organization;

(b) all persons who participate in developing the organization's policies; and

(c) all other persons who provide goods, services or facilities on behalf of the organization.

- (2) The training on the requirements of the accessibility standards and on the Human Rights Code referred to in subsection (1) shall be appropriate to the duties of the employees, volunteers and other persons.
- (3) Every person referred to in subsection (1) shall be trained as soon as practicable.
- (4) Every obligated organization shall provide training in respect of any changes to the policies described in section 3 on an ongoing basis.
- (5) The Government of Ontario, the Legislative Assembly, every designated public sector organization and every large organization shall keep a record of the training provided under this section, including the dates on which the training is provided and the number of individuals to whom it is provided.

Emergency Response Guidebook 2020 edition

Transport Canada has released the 2020 edition of its Emergency Response Guidebook, a significant tool to assist first responders in quickly identifying the hazards of the materials when an accident involving dangerous goods occurs.

The guidebook is a joint publication by Transport Canada, the United States Department of Transportation, the Secretariat of Transport and Communications of Mexico and the CIQUIME (Centro de Información Química para Emergencias) of Argentina. It is updated every four years.

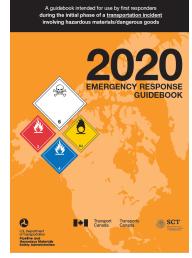
It is designed for dangerous goods incidents on a highway or rail line. It may be less useful at fixed-facility locations, on aircrafts or vessels.

The 2020 edition includes updates such as:

- information on how to use the safety recommendations and emergency response guides
- a comprehensive review of the guides for products and additional cautionary advice
- an expansion of the glossary of new terms and definitions
- new sections on decontamination and heat-induced tears on tank cars
- new visual identifiers for quicker access to information.

In addition to the guidebook, Transport Canada supports emergency response and first responders through the Canadian Transport Emergency Centre, more commonly known as CANUTEC. It is one of the major safety programs Transport Canada delivers to promote the safe movement of people and goods throughout Canada, by providing a 24/7 service that assists first responders in handling dangerous goods emergencies.

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The Guidebook is available for free to certain groups such as municipal first responders, Transportation of Dangerous Goods inspectors, remedial measures specialists, and provincial inspectors. Requests can be made through Transport Canada's web site.

You can download this onto your computer by <u>Clicking Here</u> and follow the instructions.

When to Visit an Assessment Centre for COVID19

If you're worried you have COVID-19 or have been exposed to it, you should get tested – even if you don't have any symptoms.

You should visit an assessment centre if you:

- have COVID-19 symptoms
- do not have symptoms but are concerned you might have been exposed (test approx. 3 days after potential exposure)
- do not have symptoms but think you are at risk (for example, if you are an essential or health care worker)

Testing is a free service. Some assessment centres may require you to book an appointment first or have certain restrictions (for example, some are unable to test young children). Find out about an assessment centre near you.

Where Can You Get a COVID19 Testing?

To find an assessment centre Click Here. You will be able to refine your search with:

- Your postal Code
- Operating Hours (open, weekdays after 5:00pm, weekends)
- Services Offered (appointments, drive through, accessibility, French, American Sign language)
- By Age Tested (newborns, young children, adults)

When to go to the Emergency Department Instead

You should call 911 or go to your nearest emergency department if you are currently experiencing:

severe difficulty breathing (struggling for each breath, can only speak in single words)

- severe chest pain (constant tightness or crushing sensation)
- feeling confused or unsure of where you are
- losing consciousness

After you've been tested, get your results online.

Is the COVID Alert App Part of Your H&S Program?

If your workers have company phones don't forget to have them download the Covid Alert App tool to improve the safety in their workplaces. Even if your organization doesn't fall under this group, it is something to promote .

Click to **Download the COVID ALERT** App

With the free COVID Alert app, workers can:

- get a notification if they may have been exposed to COVID-19
- get advice on what to do next
- tell nearby app users if they test positive for COVID-19, without sharing any personal information

New Resource from CSA Standards

Download the new CSA standard resource on COVID-10 <u>Click Here</u>







New Employment Standards poster: version 9.0

On September 8, 2020, The Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development published a new Employment Standards Poster: Version 9.0. The poster describes important rights and requirements under the Employment Standards Act (ESA) and must be provided to employees who are covered under the ESA within 30 days of their hire date.

Read more and download poster <u>Click Here</u> These are available in 16 languages.

Go Transit—Rail Safety

Learn what dangerous things you should never do in Go Transits <u>'Close Call' video series</u>. They will be adding new video content regularly so check back often and follow them on twitter @GOtransit to keep up with their Transit Safety experts!

- If Downed Gates Don't Stop you
- Don't let your selfie be the last thing on the tracks
- What a Save

Watch, learn and stay safe during COVID-19. At GO Transit, Safety Never Stops.

BC Construction firm fined \$62K for confined space violations

On Sept 15, 2020 Barrie Mackay Contracting Ltd., a general contractor based in Cranbrook, B.C., was fined \$62,266.62.

The fine stems from an incident in which the company had dug an excavation next to a commercial building to handle a sewer blockage.

Upon inspection, WorkSafeBC found that the excavation was around 3 metres (10 feet) deep, and had collapsed in places due to unsupported sides. It was also determined that a worker had entered the excavation at some point, despite it being established as a confined space.

WorkSafeBC says that "The firm failed to ensure excavation work was done according to the written instructions of a qualified professional, and failed to ensure that, prior to worker entry, the excavation was sloped, benched, or supported as required. The firm also failed to prepare and implement a confined space entry program, conduct a hazard assessment for the confined space, and conduct pre-entry testing and inspection based on written procedures."

Confined Space Death in Toronto

On Aug 12, 2020 in Toronto a man has been rushed to hospital without vital signs following an industrial acci-

dent in the city's Bloor West Village. Police say they were called to the area after receiving reports that a man in an electrical vault may have been electrocuted.

When they arrived on scene, one man was found without vital signs. The MLTSD is investigating the incident.







Press Release

Editor's note

Of interest to the following: safety management, utilities management, industrial hygienists, plant management, maintenance management, operations management, engineering, construction, healthcare, purchasing, union stewards and government management.

New field support for Hydro One workers

Vaughan ON – 2020 Gary Spencer, DOHS, CRSP, President of Safetyscope is happy to announce that effective September 1, 2020 Safetyscope has been contracted for a three-year commitment from Hydro One to provide Confined Space Rescue Services.

Services offered under this contract include Confined Space Attendant/ Rescue with consulting services and assistance in developing custom rescue plans as identified in Hydro One's Confined Space Management Program.

Gary stated, "We have worked with Hydro One in the past on a project basis providing confined space rescue services and program support employing our experienced crews with extensive knowledge of Confined Space Rescue".

About Safetyscope

Safetyscope was established in 1989 as a company that specialized in Confined Space Assessments, training and Confined Space Supervision at their training center and offices in Vaughan, ON. Safetyscope provides safety training in many safety categories. For further information, call 416-231-3752 or go to www.safetyscope.net

Safetyscope's Public Training Sessions

With our COVID-19 procedures in place, Safetyscope is now holding regular public training sessions in Working at Heights, Working at Heights Refresher and Confined Space Awareness.

If your organization requires any additional courses, please with your training needs at training@safetyscope.net.

Safetyscope Continuing to Maintaining Registration as an OWWCO Training Provider

These courses meet the criteria in subsection 29(4) of O.Reg. 128, Certification of Drinking Water System Operators and Water Quality Analysts. On Completion of training all participants will receive a certificate of completion with corresponding CEU Value.

1. Working at Heights	.7 CEU	
2. WHMIS 2015	.4 CEU	
3. TDG	.4 CEU	SAFETYSCOPE
4. Working in Confined Spaces Rescue Level	2.8 CEU	
5. Confined Spaces Attendant Non Entry	1.3 CEU	
6. Confined Spaces Advanced Awareness	.7 CEU	\sim
7. Confined Spaces Attendant Refresher	.7 CEU	-
8. Confined Spaces Rescue Refresher	.7 CEU	Safetyscope is a TSSA Approved
9. Standard First Aid	1.4 CEU	Training Provider
10. Self Contained Breathing Apparatus	.4 CEU	Safetyscope is an approved provider
11. Spill Response	.7 CEU	for Corrections Canada
12. Trenching Hazards	.4 CEU	

