

IHSA's National Construction Safety Officer Certification sees more than 550 NCSOs established in Ontario

MISSISSAUGA— In 2016, the Infrastructure Health and Safety Association (IHSA) began the transition from its Construction Health and Safety Officer (CHSO) program to the more refined and accountable National Construction Safety Officer (NCSO) program. Since then, more than 550 people have successfully achieved the NCSO designation.

While the process has been in place since 2016, IHSA is now refining the maintenance point requirements process. IHSA realizes this process has been a long time coming. That is why the deadline to submit proof of additional training to meet the maintenance point requirements as stated in the application process is being extended to **January 1, 2020**. Stay tuned to the IHSA.ca website to learn more about the expanded definition of maintenance criteria—including seminars, conferences, industry events, and professional designations/memberships.

It is also important that mandatory courses requiring a renewal (e.g., First Aid, Joint Health and Safety Certification, and Working at Heights) be up-to-date. This is a great time to think about registering for IHSA courses, all of which count toward maintenance points. Visit the training section of the website (<https://www.ihsa.ca/Training/Course-List>) for details. Don't forget that IHSA has several no-charge courses available to members. Watch for the logo below on IHSA event documents. It indicates that NCSO points are available.



NCSOs will receive information in the coming months about the process for getting maintenance points.

With this certification, NCSOs can be identified as having met a specific set of criteria on a national level with regard to health and safety in construction. This makes them stand out as a valuable health and safety resource in today's busy construction marketplace. NCSO Certification demonstrates that a person's skills, education, and work have met a national standard.

IHSA wants to encourage workers to become health and safety professionals. Persons with NCSO certification will be qualified to become Certificate of Recognition (COR™) Internal Auditors and Construction Health and Safety Representatives.

For more details—such as timelines, costs, and frequently asked questions—visit [ihsa.ca/NCSO](https://www.ihsa.ca/NCSO)

For more information on the NCSO program, you can also contact the NCSOadministrator@ihsa.ca