



Now Live! The New NCSO®/NHSA™ Portal is here!

The NCSO® committee is excited to announce the official launch of the new NCSO®/NHSA™ Portal! This enhanced platform is designed to streamline the application process, and provide greater support for applicants, all while ensuring continued alignment with the Canadian Federation of Construction Safety Associations (CFCSA).

With these improvements, applicants will find it easier to navigate the process, access essential resources, and stay informed about program updates. By simplifying the steps and enhancing the competency of these designations, we are reaffirming our commitment to providing world-class service and equipping members with the knowledge and skills to prevent injuries, illnesses, and fatalities.

Explore the portal today and take advantage of the tools and resources available to support your application. Below, you'll find important information on how to get started, upcoming communications, and invitations to informative webinars.



Introducing the New NCSO®/NHSA™ Application Portal

This portal will allow applicants to:

- Access real-time updates on their application status
- Easily communicate with approvers through the dedicated platform
- Complete the process faster with a more user-friendly interface
- Make easy and secure online payments

The portal will also enable all exams to be scheduled weekly and conducted online through a Learning Management System saving you time and travel. This system will use a tool that improves the integrity of the online learning and testing process.

Resources to get you started:

- [NCSO®/NHSA™ Portal & Application Webinar Recording](#)
- [How to Guide to the NCSO®/NHSA™ Portal](#)

How to access the portal:

Current NCSOs and NHSAs will receive an email from noreply@portal.bccsa-services.ca over the next 5 days providing them access to the portal. Follow the instructions in the email to access the portal.

New applicants can register for an account and gain access to the portal [here](#).

NCSO® Audit Tool

To meet the updated requirements under IHSA's memorandum of understanding with the CFCSA, NCSO® applicants will be required to complete a COR® audit using AuditSoft.



The options for meeting the requirement include the following:

- Submit an internal or external audit conducted by you within the last 12 months OR;
- Submit a four-element COR® audit on the applicant's company, if their employer does not participate in COR®

This new requirement will help applicants identify gaps in their company's health and safety management system, offer corrective actions, and ensure compliance with legislative and regulatory standards. It will also provide an opportunity for the applicant to demonstrate and enhance their auditing skills.

Employers will also find NCSO®s to have a higher level of auditing skills, which will help them to guide continuous improvement in their organization, provide clear recommendations for corrective actions, and support companies in better understanding their workers' knowledge of workplace policies and procedures.

IHSA & AuditSoft have many resources to guide you through this process.

Note: You can download the app now, however, the audit will not be available until February 7, 2025.

[Access Resources](#)

[Purchase an AuditSoft Licence](#)

NCSO®/NHSA™ Resources

We've developed a range of new resources to assist and support NCSO/NHSA applicants with both new and renewal applications. These resources provide guidance and templates to help applicants meet practical requirements such as experience, COR audit, safety talks, and inspections. We are continuously adding to our website, so we encourage applicants to review these materials before applying.

Our website is also undergoing a redesign to make it easier for applicants to find the information and resources they need, with updates coming later this month—

Do you have questions about the NCSO®/NHSA™ certification process?



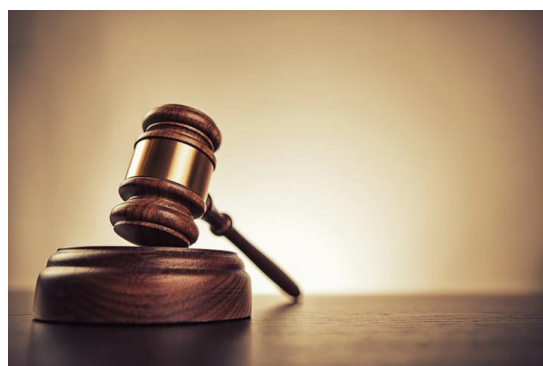
Join us for a live Q&A webinar where we will provide answers and insights on everything you need to know about the updated requirements and application system.

What to Expect:

- Clarifications on the updated NCSO® application requirements.
- Guidance on navigating the new application process.
- Insights into the features and functionality of the new application portal.
- Live Q&A to address your specific questions.

This webinar is perfect for current and prospective NCSO®/NHSA™ applicants, employers, and stakeholders looking to stay informed about these important changes. Don't miss this opportunity to get your questions answered directly by our team!

[Click here to register for Wednesday, February 26th, 2025 - 1-2PM](#)



Legislative Insights: Updates for NCSOs and NHSA

Stay informed about the latest developments in health and safety legislation with our Legislative Insights: Updates for NCSO®/NHSA™ session. Join Jennifer McKenzie and Michelle Roberts on May 29th, 2025 as they review recent amendments to the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) and Construction Projects Regulation 213/91.

Key Topics Include:

- A detailed overview of recent legislative changes and their implications for the construction industry.
- Updates on consultations and potential future changes to OHSA and related regulations.
- Practical insights to help NCSO®/NHSA™ stay compliant and proactive.

This session is essential for safety professionals looking to keep their knowledge current

and prepare for evolving regulations. Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable insights and strengthen your understanding of legislative requirements.

Session Details: May 29th, 2025 9 - 10 AM - Zoom

Register Now

Enhancing Communication: Essential Skills for NCSO®/NHSA™



Effective communication is a critical skill for NCSO®s and NHSA™s in ensuring safety and collaboration on worksites. This one-hour seminar will explore the fundamentals of communication and provide practical tools to enhance your skills.

Key Topics Covered:

- Understanding the communication cycle and its importance in workplace interactions
- Techniques for clear and effective communication in diverse scenarios
- Exploring different types of communication and their appropriate uses
- Strategies to ensure your message is understood and acted upon

Join us to refine your communication abilities and learn how to convey safety-critical information with confidence and clarity.

Coming September 25, 2025 9-10 AM

**Registration to open in June 2025*

Annual NCSO®/NHSA™ Educational Conference

Join us on November 20, 2025, for the 4th annual NCSO®/NHSA™ Educational Conference. This half-day virtual event will provide attendees with an opportunity to increase their knowledge of essential health and safety topics and learn more about key areas important to maintaining their NCSO®/NHSA™ status.

Stay tuned for more details and conference agenda.

Coming November 20, 2025

**Registration to open in August 2025*



To learn more about the NCSO® and NHSA™ certification please visit IHSA's NCSO®/NHSA™ [webpage](#).

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