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Every certifying partner, by province and territory

There's no national COR body. Each province and territory runs its own program, and in most of them you work with a certifying partner that matches your industry. Your partner decides which audit tool you use, which courses you need, how audits are scheduled and what the deadlines are. Find your province, then the partner for your industry; your workers' compensation classification or rate code usually decides which partner you belong to. Small-employer size limits differ from one partner to the next, so check how yours counts owners, part-time workers and subcontractors. Click a program page link for the partner's current requirements. Checked October 16, 2026.

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Alberta	**Alberta Association for Safety Partnerships**	AASP	All industries	COR	SECOR (self-assessment)	10 or fewer employees	Fee-for-service partner. Maintenance audits are due by December 31 each year, and AASP recommends 12 months of records before a first audit.	Program page
Alberta	**Alberta Construction Safety Association**	ACSA	Construction	COR	SECOR	No more than 10 employees at any time in the past 12 months (owners, part-time, temporary, family members and volunteers count)	ACSA membership required. COR needs PHSM, Leadership for Safety Excellence, Alberta OHS Legislation Awareness and the Auditor Training Program; SECOR needs PHSM plus one industry course.	Program page
Alberta	**Alberta Food Processors Association**	AFPA (food)	Food and beverage processing, including bakeries, meat processing and breweries	COR	SECOR	10 or fewer employees	Registration requires an administration fee, and there's a set of required COR courses. Internal audits are required in the two years between external audits.	Program page
Alberta	**Alberta Forest Products Association**	AFPA (forestry)	Forest products manufacturing, logging, log hauling and timber management, and their contractors	COR	SECOR (self-administered)	10 or fewer employees	Leadership in Health and Safety training is required. SECOR also needs the two-day auditor training, with the self-assessment done within six months of training.	Program page
Alberta	**Alberta Motor Transport Association**	AMTA	Trucking and commercial transportation	COR	SECOR	10 or fewer employees	SECOR needs the two-day Health and Safety System Building course and a half-day Self-Evaluator course, and lapses if the annual maintenance audit isn't submitted within the calendar year.	Program page
Alberta	**Alberta Municipal Health and Safety Association**	AMHSA	Municipalities: cities, towns, villages, counties and municipal districts	COR (more than 10 employees)	Small Employer COR (SECOR)	Up to 10 employees	SECOR needs the two-day Health and Safety Management Systems course, with a half-day refresher every three years.	Program page

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Alberta	**Continuing Care Safety Association**	CCSA	Continuing care, seniors' supportive living, and children and family services	COR (10 or more employees)	None listed on CCSA's website		Certification and recertification audits are done by a CCSA certified external auditor, with maintenance audits, by trained staff or an external auditor, in the two years after certification. Ask CCSA about options for smaller employers.	Program page
Alberta	**Energy Safety Canada**	ESC	Oil and gas	COR	SECOR	10 or fewer employees	COR audits are done by an ESC-certified external auditor. SECOR needs the Safety Program Development course and 12 months of records.	Program page
Alberta	**Manufacturers' Health & Safety Association**	MHSA	Manufacturing, machine, hydraulic and metal fabricating shops	COR (11 or more employees)	SECOR	10 or fewer employees	MHSA recommends its Safety Basics course as the first step and offers a Safety Auditor course.	Program page
British Columbia	**AgSafe**	AgSafe	Agriculture	COR (20 or more full-time employees)	COR for Small Employers	19 or fewer full-time employees	Small employers need a permanent employee trained through AgSafe's COR Internal Auditor Training, or can use an approved external auditor.	Program page
British Columbia	**BC Construction Safety Alliance**	BCCSA	Construction	COR (20 or more employees)	Small COR	19 or fewer employees	Small COR needs a permanent employee to complete BCCSA's two-day COR Internal Auditor Training and submit a student audit within four weeks.	Program page
British Columbia	**BC Forest Safety Council**	BCFSC	Forestry	COR through the SAFE Companies BASE audit (20 or more personnel)	SEBASE and ISEBASE (small employers); IOO (individual owner-operators)	ISEBASE: 2 to 5 personnel. SEBASE: 6 to 19 (average under 20, never more than 24 at peak). IOO: the owner as the only forestry worker, plus at most one administrative person	Small employers seeking the COR incentive train a permanent employee or owner as an internal auditor through the Small Employer OHS course. Ask BCFSC whether an IOO audit qualifies for COR or only SAFE Certification.	Program page
British Columbia	**BC Municipal Safety Association**	BCMSA	Local government employers, plus organizations without a certifying partner that WorkSafeBC approves to join	COR (20 or more employees use a BCMSA certified external auditor)	Small Employer audit	19 or fewer employees	At least one manager completes the Safety Management System course. Internal auditors take BCMSA's 16-hour Internal Auditor training and complete a student audit within three months.	Program page

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British Columbia	**Energy Safety Canada**	ESC	Upstream oil and gas	COR	SECOR	10 or fewer employees (a lower limit than other BC partners use)	SECOR needs ESC's two-day Safety Program Development course. WorkSafeBC doesn't take part in ESC's Action Plan or ISO/CSA equivalency programs.	Program page
British Columbia	**go2HR**	go2HR	Tourism and hospitality	COR (20 or more employees)	Small Employer COR (SECOR)	Fewer than 20 employees	COR Internal Auditor Training is needed only if your own staff will do the year 2 and 3 maintenance audits.	Program page
British Columbia	**Manufacturing Safety Alliance of BC**	MSABC	Manufacturing and food processing	COR, called OSSE (20 or more FTEs)	COR/OSSE for Small Business	Fewer than 20 employees	Small businesses take the free Small Employer Program Building and Small Employer OHS Fundamentals courses and train at least one employee in the free OSSE Internal Auditor course.	Program page
British Columbia	**SafetyDriven (Trucking Safety Council of BC)**	SafetyDriven	Trucking, transportation, warehousing and moving and storage	COR (20 or more employees)	Small Employer COR; Owner/Operator COR	Small Employer: fewer than 20 full-time employees. Owner/Operator: 3 or fewer employees with no supervisory duties (SafetyDriven's manual gives slightly different ranges, so confirm)	Internal auditors take two days of SafetyDriven training and pass an exam (at least 80% for large-employer internal auditors).	Program page
Saskatchewan	**Saskatchewan Construction Safety Association**	SCSA	Construction (WCB rate codes B11, B12 and B13)	COR (companies with an office in Saskatchewan)	SECOR	Fewer than nine employees, counting owners, full-time, part-time and casual workers and subcontractors (SCSA's page also says nine or fewer, so confirm with SCSA)	Annual internal audit, with an SCSA external audit every three years. Out-of-province COR holders with no Saskatchewan office can ask for an equivalency letter.	Program page
Saskatchewan	**Heavy Construction Safety Association of Saskatchewan**	HCSAS	Heavy construction (WCB rate code R11)	COR (10 or more employees)	SECOR	Fewer than 10 employees at any time on the Saskatchewan WCB account	At least one full-time employee takes and keeps up four courses. Internal audits in years 1 and 2, with an HCSAS external audit in year 3.	Program page
Saskatchewan	**Energy Safety Canada**	ESC	Oil and gas	COR	SECOR	10 or fewer employees	One audit process recognized in BC, Alberta and Saskatchewan, with maintenance audits or an approved action plan in years 2 and 3.	Program page

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Saskatchewan	**Motor Safety Association**	MSA	Automotive and implement sales and service, towing, food and beverage processing, agricultural equipment, and iron and steel fabrication	COR (members in MSA's rate codes)	None listed		COR is available to members with a Saskatchewan WCB account in MSA's rate codes. Contact MSA for its current audit cycle and requirements.	Program page
Saskatchewan	**Saskatchewan Trucking Association**	STA	Trucking	Trucking Industry CoR	None listed		Courses: Health and Safety System Building, Fundamentals of Auditing and CoR Auditor. External certification audit, internal audits in years 1 and 2 and an external audit in year 3.	Program page
Manitoba	**Construction Safety Association of Manitoba**	CSAM	Building construction	COR (meets the SAFE Work Certified standard)	SECOR	Fewer than 10 employees	COR needs four training modules by a full-time employee, plus Principles of Safety Management for the owner or a senior manager. Qualifies for the Prevention Rebate.	Program page
Manitoba	**Manitoba Heavy Construction Association: WORKSAFELY**	MHCA WORKSAFELY	Heavy construction	COR (aligns with the SAFE Work Certified standard)	SECOR	Fewer than 10 employees	Four COR courses. A management representative and a worker take the training (one person for employers with fewer than 10 employees). SECOR is recognized only in Manitoba. Qualifies for the Prevention Rebate.	Program page
Manitoba	**Made Safe**	Made Safe	Manufacturing	SAFE Work Certified	SAFE Work Certified guided path	19 or fewer employees	Voluntary certification following the provincial SAFE Work Certified standard. Qualifies for the Prevention Rebate.	Program page
Manitoba	**Manitoba Association for Safety in Healthcare**	MASH	Health care	SAFE Work Certified	SAFE Work Certified guided path	19 or fewer employees	Four courses, including Auditing for Certification. Valid three years with an annual maintenance audit.	Program page
Manitoba	**Risk Professionally Managed (Manitoba Trucking Association)**	RPM	Trucking	SAFE Work Certified	SAFE Work Certified guided path	19 or fewer employees	An assigned advisor, required training, a gap analysis and a certification audit by an independent auditor. The industry levy covers costs other than the auditor's fee.	Program page
Manitoba	**Sales and Service Safety Association**	S2SA	Sales and service industries	SAFE Work Certified	SAFE Work Certified guided path	19 or fewer employees	Four courses, including Maintenance Auditor. Valid three years, with annual maintenance audits in years 2 and 3.	Program page

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Ontario	**Infrastructure Health & Safety Association**	IHSA	Mainly construction; IHSA says COR can be achieved in any industry	COR 2020	None listed		Requires an active WSIB account. Senior management and a full-time internal auditor complete set training. External audit in year 1, then internal maintenance audits validated by IHSA in years 2 and 3.	Program page
Quebec	**Association paritaire pour la santé et la sécurité du travail du secteur de la construction**	ASP Construction	Construction	COR (letter of good standing)	None listed		Audit of documents, a site visit and interviews. The letter of good standing is valid one year and renewed annually. ASP Construction confirms compliance to other provinces for reciprocity.	Program page
New Brunswick	**New Brunswick Construction Safety Association**	NBCSA	Construction and related industries	COR	None listed		Six required courses. Initial accreditation needs an internal and an external evaluation, and the certificate and letter of good standing are renewed each year through an annual audit.	Program page
Nova Scotia	**Construction Safety Nova Scotia**	CSNS	Construction	COR	Size-based pathways: Owner/Operator, Small Business, Intermediate and Standard	Owner/Operator: 1 employee. Small Business: 2 to 4. Intermediate: 5 to 19. Standard: 20 or more	COR and compliance training, a working safety program and an annual evaluation, with a letter of good standing each year. Audit requirements vary by size pathway.	Program page
Newfoundland and Labrador	**Newfoundland and Labrador Construction Safety Association**	NLCSA	Construction	COR	None listed		NLCSA issues all COR letters of good standing in the province. Bids on government-funded construction need a letter showing full COR.	Program page
Yukon	**Northern Safety Network Yukon (certificates issued jointly with the Yukon Workers' Safety and Compensation Board)**	NSNY	All Yukon employers	COR	SECOR; also OCOP (Owner Operator Certificate of Proficiency)	SECOR: 9 or fewer employees (the Government of Yukon says fewer than 10 at peak). OCOP: no employees, subcontractors or partners	Three-year cycle with a certifying audit in year 1 and annual internal audits (COR) or documentation submissions (SECOR) in years 2 and 3.	Program page
Northwest Territories	**Northern Safety Association**	NSA	All industries	COR	None listed on NSA's website (contact NSA)		The only COR issuer in the NWT and Nunavut. External certification audit every three years and annual internal maintenance audits, each needing at least 80%.	Program page

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Nunavut	**Northern Safety Association**	NSA	All industries	COR	None listed on NSA's website (contact NSA)		Same program as the Northwest Territories.	Program page
Prince Edward Island	**No COR certifying body**			No COR program			No COR program was found through WCB PEI or a CFCSA member association. Check the requirements of the owner or client you're bidding with.	

Energy Safety Canada and the Northern Safety Association appear once for each province or territory they certify in. Our companion references, COR Rules by Province and Territory and COR Related Programs and Reciprocity, cover certificate cycles, pass marks, rebates and working in more than one province. Find all our free guides at calgarysafetyconsultants.ca/safety-guides/cor-secor.

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