

## DECISION NOTICE

### Fees for field safety representatives renewing their certificates of qualification

From July 28, 2017 through to September 13, 2017, Technical Safety BC (formerly known as BC Safety Authority) consulted with industry stakeholders and clients on proposed renewal fees for electrical field safety representatives. The proposal included a renewal fee of \$100 to offset implementation costs, ongoing administrative costs, and future changes as part of the overall enhancement of the field safety representative program.

Taking into account the stakeholder feedback collected throughout the consultation, the following decision has been reached:

Initial Proposal	Modified Proposal	Accepted Recommendation <i>(effective February 1, 2018)</i>
<p>FIELD SAFETY REPRESENTATIVE RENEWAL FEE:</p> <p>Renewal fee of \$100 for electrical field safety representatives applied on a three-year term.</p>	<p>Renewal fees will be waived for individuals issued their certificate of qualification from January 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018.</p> <p>Increases will not apply to field safety representative certificate of qualification renewals in 2018 or 2019.</p> <p>Technical Safety BC will create a challenge pathway for individuals seeking an opportunity to fulfill the knowledge update requirement at no cost.</p>	<p>Proceed with modified proposal</p>

The feedback Technical Safety BC received from stakeholders and clients was mixed, with significant opposition to the imposition of a fee for the renewal of certificates. However, many respondents also agreed with the importance to safety and the fairness of requiring all field safety representatives to maintain relevant working knowledge of updates to the Act, regulations, codes, and standards.

To enhance the value of the fee, Technical Safety BC was able to make the following modifications based on actionable suggestions received during the consultation process:

- A decision to **waive the initial renewal fee** for individuals who were issued certificates of qualification between January 1, 2017 and January 31, 2018.



- A decision to create a **free “challenge pathway”** through the knowledge update requirement for field safety representatives who choose to self-study and pass an assessment as part of the \$100.
- A decision to **keep the \$100 renewal fee steady for 2018 and 2019**, and not to subject the fee to the general 2% fee increase.

### **Implementation**

This fee, and all aforementioned modifications, will be placed on the electrical fee schedule effective February 1, 2018.

We thank everyone who took the time to provide us with their comments.