

## Electrical Field Safety Representative Certificate Renewal Fee Consultation

### Verbatim feedback

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Respondent	Reasonability / Level of support	Comments
Raincity Data	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Cash grab As usual
Electrician	Unreasonable / Opposed	Tired of new taxes. If you feel that a renewal is needed find funding that is already in place. We have operated successfully without this renewal for many years. We are over regulated over taxed and there are too many people telling us what to do, not enough actually doing something that counts.
Electrical contractor	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	This is a great idea,thank you
Polar Refrigeration	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	This is a blatant, unabashed cash grab. What is the purpose of requiring a renewal fee for a certification which I have already earned?
A respondent	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	We already paid the contractor license fee every year. FSR certificate is same like plumber and electrical certification. It should be life time person certification. Once it is used in business, it should pay some fee as contractor license. If someone just has the ticket, they didn't use it in any business. Why they have to pay extra money.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	This is a completely unnecessary waste of time and money.
Aho Electric	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	I just renewed my Electrical Contractors License, I like the idea every 3 years because I save some money and sometimes I forget to renew some licenses. So for me it is a yes for a 3 year renewal. On another note, I would like to see at least a 2 or 3 - 8 hour continuing education course on every new code book change, so everyone is on the same page about the new code changes. Thank you,
Bnr electric	Unreasonable / Supportive	Should not be charged for renewal. Permit costs kept rising. This should be covered by the cost of buying permits.

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Electrician	Neutral / Unsure	If we are going to have to pay a fee to renew our certification the safety authority should provide continuing education as well as a new wallet card. I don't feel like I'm getting anything for my money by simply 'renewing' my certification. Continuing education is a good idea and should part of the renewal process.
Micheal D Giesler	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	Very similar to what other jurisdictions are doing. This is very reasonable.
RT Electrical	Unreasonable / Unsure	Money grab for more bureaucracy.
A respondent	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Want more fees? charge big companies.
Doug Peabody Electrical	Somewhat unreasonable / Supportive	I think the first renewal should be free and then a charge should start in 2 or 3 years. Get the process going and then start charging.
Suncor Energy	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	I think having a person also have to take the code update course you offer online as part of the requirement for renewal - perhaps you could also offer a discount on the renewal if they take the code update course and successfully pass it, maybe 20 or 30%
Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Opposed	Does this fee pay for the Code course as well ? What do you get for a \$100? Is it just a rubber stamped and away you go? It feels like you will be paying the \$100, just to cover admin fees, then why do you need the admin ?
Innovative Exteriors Ltd	Neutral / Opposed	I understand where you're going with this...Just getting a little tired of all the fees and service charges to be a contractor
Nightingale electrical	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	There shouldn't be any renewal requirement. As there was never needed one. And if so should be no charge.
Superior trades	Neutral / Opposed	There are enough fees that need to be paid. Plus we have to take a refresher code course. The costs are never ending. I would like to see (if we do need renewal) the fee include a code refresher class.
Electrical contractor	Somewhat reasonable / Supportive	I think instead of a renewal fee there should be a mandatory training course for every code revision. The course has to be done before a FSR can renew their certificate. The course must be completed a year after the province adopts the code.
CK Electric	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	I would appreciate this move very much as I have forgotten to renew my contractor licence before. A 3 year period would simplify things considering the fact that we have to worry about so many licences in the Vancouver area this is just one less thing to worry about.

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Owner	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>Based on information provided by BCSA, I believe this fee to be nothing more than a make work money grab. There does not appear to be a reason for it.</p> <p>As an owner of an electrical company it is my/our responsibility to ensure the electricians have current code training as well as required FSR standing. There is no need for BCSA to impose an additional charge as they don't do anything other than the initial FSR certification paperwork. I realize BCSA has said this charge will take care of the administration of this new program but frankly there doesn't need to be any administration by BCSA in the first place. Inspectors should be picking up on FSR's that seem to be lacking in areas and advising of necessary training required to bring themselves up to par.</p> <p>Unless BCSA is planning to require a certain amount of educational credits towards this "new certification" process, what's the point?</p> <p>If it's a matter of meeting the budget, BCSA should up the permit fees.</p>
Freelance Installations Ltd.	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	It's another cash cow , it's bad enough you are raising contractor's license fees each year.
In Control Electric	Reasonable / Supportive	Considering Duncan and Victoria have not conducted Any Tech talks in the last 2-3 years, my FSR training has not been kept up to date. This reflects badly on your department! If you are to impose a fee, some updating on your part is necessary. I've talked to electrical safety officers and they are very helpful. Stop charging the electricians for every single course you put on. Frankly you are nickel and diming us to death. Charge for the FSR renewal, and put the tech talks back on for free. Thanks
Mike Jobling	Reasonable / Supportive	ICBC should offer bonding
Fowler Electric LTD	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	Good idea. Need to be notified before The renewal date
Houle	Unreasonable / Opposed	So does this mean that I will have to retake the FSR exam every three years? Does the person who came up with this money grab have to retake his or her university exams every three years? Do they have to pay every three years to prove that they still are valid in their occupation? Any idiot can see what this is. No. Terrible idea.

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N/a	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	The indirect costs proposed do not fairly correlate to the expense of renewing the certificate. For example what does rent and vehicle amortization have to do with renewing a certificate? Also as it is likely that most of the renewal process will be online and automated, there shouldn't be an ongoing need for such costs. Like most of the fees imposed upon (small) businesses it appears to be more of a profit generator than a genuine fee requirement.
Department of Fisheries and Oceans	Somewhat reasonable / Supportive	Mandatory code upgrades for contractors and FSR's will also help ensure that BC's high professional standards are maintained.
Contact Electrical Management	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	Excellent idea to keep small business in business.
Kudrat electric ltd.	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	FSR need upgrading knowledge, experience and code information. Some guys without quality /not professional should be knocked out
Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Why should I someone who pulls hundreds of permits a year have to go through a renewal process. If you aren't active then sure but there is no reason a very active FSR should have to be charged a renewal fee.
N/A	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	This is just another way of getting taxed. Why don't you just raise the permit fees!!!
Field Safety Representative	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	It seems to me that the same data & information could be gathered if the renewal was every 5 years
Weldon Friesen	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	This is just a money grab for the corrupt Liberal government
Field Safety Representative	Reasonable / Supportive	I'm wondering about the cost of the code-related training courses?
Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Does a school teacher have to renew their teaching certificate every 3 years? I don't know about the rest of you. But I worked hard for this certificate and was under the understanding it was good for life as most other certificates are!
D & E Communications Ltd.	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	A very positive step by the safety authority. We are encouraged by this move, and support it fully.

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T Pellow Electrical -	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	As a contractor and FSR we do pay an annual fee already as well as training fees for code updates. This new fee in my opinion is another excuse for a cash grab. Unless you can explicitly communicate legitimate reasoning for asking for more money. Certainly expect FSR's to be qualified, this is easily monitored via software and the normal registration of code courses/updates/tech talks of which Nanaimo does not get as frequently as other areas of BC. I agree with FSR's being current and up to date with code/safety knowledge. Asking for another fee over and above our annual fee is unacceptable - another cash grab! Current software and course registration is easily married to monitor FSR qualification without the need to take more money from companies. This excuse for extra revenues from FSR's is unacceptable. To follow other organisations/market places does not have to apply to the BCSA.
Electrician	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	This whole FSR is nothing but a money grab a [bad] tax on the whole Electrical trade. If it was truly about education it would be part of the apprenticeship schooling and IP exam. But you aren't interested in the truth and can't handle the truth.
Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I took the training and passed why do I have to pay ,, money grab. Again
various - Film Industry - IATSE local 891	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	\$100 for a new wallet card... Don't think so!
Tradesperson	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	organizations like yours need to stop picking the pockets of the people who are honest and participating with your standards.
Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Just another money grab, we are already paying annually renewal fee for contractor licence where I am FSR for my self
A respondent	Somewhat unreasonable / Unsure	FSR holders should be required to attend current code update courses every 4 years in order to maintain their FSR the fees ( whatever the cost ) should include this  Seems like renewing every 3 years for 100 bones is just a cash grab
Jack McNeil - Electrical Contractor	Reasonable / Neutral	I believe every five years would be acceptable.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Shouldn't be applicable to those with active Tickets. Only to those with inactive tickets should even be considered to renew. Doesn't reflect the experience of the FSR. If this is at all about safety the inspector should be the one having to renew. Regardless of the cost this dollar figure is gonna set a bad precedent.

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IATSE 891	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I think this renewal is unnecessary as it is the FSRs responsibility to stay up to date with the code book. Also it is a cash grab.
Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	This is obviously just a money grab. Raising the costs for small businesses and/or the people who need electrical work done. Why does it cost 100\$ to print a tiny laminated piece of paper? If you actually cared about people up keeping their skills and new knowledge of the code you would have minimum training hours every 3 years or something. ..not just a fee. How does money make sure guys are staying on top of their current FSR knowledge? It doesn't.
Korpan Electrical Corp.	Reasonable / Supportive	I am supportive and find \$100 reasonable if some or all of the Tech Talks and future code education requirements for holding an FSR certificate are provide at no or small cost.
Jamie Isaak	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Far shouldn't be charged. We pay to get our contractor license. Municipal licenses. I think enough's enough.
Fraser Valley Refrigeration	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	You already charge us to be a contractor, Have us list our FSR's and add \$100 to our license  Seems like a revenue grab
A respondent	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Permit fees , test fees, travel costs, code course costs , inspection fees, taxes and now a certification maintenance fee that is graduated? Business insurance, name request fee, incorporation fee, work safe BC, EI contribution, CPP contribution, accountant and apprentices. Truck and equipment insurance, equipment certification, tools and maintenance. Add union and a pension plan. So..... no.
Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	What purpose will this serve other than downloading yet another unnecessary cost on the customer and contractor?
Film Industry	Somewhat unreasonable / Unsure	If the renewal coincides with codebook revisions, it makes sense to me, provided that code changes and applications are provided and an on-line knowledge review is required. If it is just a cash grab from certification holders, then I am strongly opposed to it.
Castle Rock Ventures	Somewhat reasonable / Opposed	I appreciate you keeping the fee low but it is yet another cost added to the customer's bill in overhead.
E.H. Emery Electric Ltd.	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	Should have been implemented long ago. Should also be in line with other Canadian jurisdictions.
Ken L.Gardner	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	As a small contractor and its main FSR worker being the same person, this appears to impose an additional cost from the previous combined contractor/ FSR renewal process (i.e., one annual contractor fee.) plus another layer of administration &/or paper work.

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Electrician	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Nice cash grab....
JARTS	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Where is the value for money being paid in fees now? I can't believe this extra money will enhance anything of value for the industry.
Easton electric	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Don't see a point. FSR course was almost a grand and exam was a few hundred on top of that. Where do the "fees" end?
Bee Electric	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	This is just another BC Safety Authority money grab. With all the financial pressures a small company endures, this is unreasonable and my cohorts agree... Shame shame shame
S Dixon Electrical Systems inc	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	The fees we pay already should be more than enough to finance the points that this unnecessary fee is proposed to cover
Reltek Installations and Maintenance	Neutral / Neutral	<p>As a contractor, I am required to keep up with changing codes and it is in my best interests to do so. I already pay for a contractor's license and an annual renewal of around \$160/year just to be a contractor. I cannot support increasing that amount at present. For a contractor who is also the company FSR, I would like to see this FSR renewal to be tied to their contractor's license and included in the renewal. A mandatory minimum 8 hrs of upgrading each 3 years would be welcome.</p> <p>Unfortunately, many contractors demonstrate a poor understanding of, or an unwillingness to apply, the code. It would be nice to see re-inspection fees and penalties applied consistently against these contractors and the funds from these used to step up enforcement and enforced re-education on these habitual code breakers.</p> <p>In the North, there do not seem to be enough officers to inspect and there are many installations which are wrong that are "passed" because no one sees them and this leads to contractors cutting corners in often dangerous ways.</p> <p>In short, I feel this fee will go forward regardless on our input so, I want to see a contractor license include one credit for an annual FSR renewal with a need to demonstrate the necessary education credits every 3 yrs or sooner.</p>
Casorso Electric	Reasonable / Supportive	Requiring continuous upgrading is a good idea, although I would like more information on what qualifies as relevant training. Hopefully the safety authority will be able to provide more learning opportunities in the rural areas.

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Vancouver Fraser Port Authority	Somewhat reasonable / Neutral	I think tracking FSR certification may be useful but I don't know if the program as it is proposed will be helpful. I suggest a FSR refresher course to coincide with renewal to ensure the FSR is aware of some sort of minimum regulations, alternatively have proof of recent code course or similar training within each 3 year cycle. Refresher course should be offered online as a package for each FSR discipline.
IATSE	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	In the film industry we are constantly struggling to hire FSR to meet our needs. This is a multi billion dollar industry employing 100,000's of thousands. please don't put us at further threat
Emery electric	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	An obvious tax grab , of no benefit to us FSR's at all. Unless we are going to be retested every 3 years what is the point of this ?
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Seems like a Double standard to target the FSR's and exclude the inspectors. Having an active FSR regardless if you are pulling permits is easily proven by your paystubs. stay up to date with the code book or with the website.
Edward Bailey DBA: FEB Electric	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	It makes common sense that FSR renewal fees go through every three years...A great saving for the consumer and less cost for the BC Safety Authority. Am in full support of the change!
ulmer contracting	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	I find these to be reasonable. A cost of doing business. This fee I can pay, but I feel that I was unjustly "demoted" to class C years ago when the system was changed. I missed the letter that went out, that we all had to reply to. I missed the letter because I was journeying to my job. That's what I do as a Journeyman .And now I'm paying for it. I had an Unlimited license. Now a class C. I didn't forget how to be an electrician. I won't forget that I still support the Safety Authority either, and the fees I pay.
latse 891	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I worked hard to earn my FSR. Any charger added to keep my record are simply a cash grab and punitive. This is not a needed service and the charge would be taxing me for trying to advancing safe standard at work
Mackay Electric Ltd	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	The FSR renewal is unnecessary. It will do nothing to prove that any representative has. or will keep updated on the ever changing electrical industry code changes or market. The only thing it will do, is transfer money from the private sector to the public sector.
Contact Electric, Salmon Arm, B.C.	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	A three year renewal is preferred over an annual renewal.
IATSE Local 891	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Workers have already paid to do courses and initial fee for certification. Let employers pay an FSR fee if you need more money. They are the ones making all the profit from our labour.

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John Irvin Electrical Contracting	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	I think three years is great. It matches the Bond renewal. I commend BCSA for this action
GBit Logistics Inc	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	This is a very good proposal. Thank you.
Select Sound & Communications Ltd.	Unreasonable / Supportive	An administration fee of around \$60 is reasonable to me.
Deerholme Electric	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	This is just another money grab. I pay \$1800 a year for insurance,\$150 for a contractor's license,\$149 for a bond, a new code book every 3 years (2018s book will probably be \$200),the permit fees keep going up every year. There is a lot of homeowners doing unpermitted work as well as others and that is because a lot of people can't afford to hire an Electrician. Just because the other provinces do it doesn't mean we have to. This is just another reason to look at getting out of the Electrical trade. If the BCSA is so hard up for money why not try looking internally for the savings. I don't have any more money to give out and my Customers pockets are not deep.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Just another tax grab
Mountain-Side Electric	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	We are already getting hit with fees all over the place. I think it needs to stop.
Engel Electric Ltd	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	I have never liked the existing FSR program from Day 1. It should be separated from the electrical contractor's licence. It is too easy to be an electrical contractor in this province.
Sleeman Breweries	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	How does a renewal fee imply that a person is up to date with current legislation (code)? Is the BCSA comparable to other jurisdictions if comparable fees are to be used? What will be involved with a renewal and will renewals be denied? This seems to be a money grab while trying to come off as support.
Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	BC Safety Authority already knows who has an FSR certificate, we already renew our contractor's license yearly, it is just another tax grab. We the contractors already get code updates emailed to us, this is a redundant fee. Stop taxing us to death, it's enough already, re-inspection fees, permit increases, closing local BCSA offices. Enough is enough.
donald k mackay	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	costs of doing business are passed on to the customer, just means a rate increase to the end user.

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Houle Electric Ltd.	Unreasonable / Opposed	Cash Grab.
Victoria Amped Electrical Contracting Ltd.	Reasonable / Unsure	Without continuing education being mandatory along with this fee, the fee alone seems pointless. You could simply raise permit fees to generate additional revenue.
Houle Electric Nanaimo	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	As a superintendent and labour organizer for a unionized electrical contractor this presents many issues. It is industry standard that all of our foreman are valid FSR holders to ensure a quality, safe install as per codes and regulations. To implement additional fees for FSR renewals will be a cost passed onto the electrical contracts making it increasingly difficult to be competitive with non-union contractors. In my opinion having mandatory training for FSR holders would better serve the intent of ensuring a competent workforce, perhaps a requirement to take a code course each time a new version of the CEC is released.
Western Integrated Electrical	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	So we pay 100\$ for a renewal fee and what do we get out of it?
Woody's Electrical Plus.	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	No.
N/A	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I do not think the renewal fee is reasonable or required. Each FSR has taken their initial course with a cost and I am sure in most all cases keeps up with current code changes in BC if still working in the industry. Therefore I do not see the need to renew at all. As a regulated trade each individual is expected to keep up with the new issues that come up from time to time.
Western Integrated Electrical Ltd	Unreasonable / Opposed	It would seem to be another cash grab similar to the silver cards that were required in the 90's.
Betts Electric	Somewhat reasonable / Unsure	how is the fee going to ensure that FSR`s have up to date knowledge?
School District	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I feel that administrative expenses should be a part of the permit fees and not be a cost to the FSR.
electrician	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Fee =Tax Grab
o.t.solutions	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	This is a certification that is personal. The safety authority collects a fee when the exam is written. Why a fee? There is no ongoing cost to the safety authority for these. A charge for a new wallet card may be OK, but it should not have an expiration on it.

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Colwin Electrical Group	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Part of ongoing training and knowledge should be the choice of the individual. By providing any training certificates to the BCSA or the Electrical Contractor they work for, the FSR should be awarded recognition. Additional costs associated with the FSR program should be reflected by increasing permit fees, and contractor renewal fees.
Apollo Electric Ltd.	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	No to all extra fees. We have enough already. Incorporate the dollar amount into existing fees charged.
Field Safety Representative	Somewhat reasonable / Neutral	I agree with refreshing my code knowledge every 3 years. If the \$100 is the fee for the refresher course, and then we get a certificate/card at the completion then that is reasonable. If this is just an administrative fee not tied to a refresher course then there is no value in this certification.
University of British Columbia	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	How about a quiz test before anyone gets their certificate renewed?
McKays Electronics	Neutral / Opposed	I don't mind the renewal cycle but based on past service It does not feel like the fee would go towards on-going training or updates.
DH Electric	Unreasonable / Opposed	We paid the contractor license fee every year.
B. E. Gregersen Electrical Services	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Another cash grab. The financial statement is flawed. How is it that the expenses for 2019 and 2020 go down in ratio to the number of renewals. I doubt that staff, office rent, vehicle expenses will all decrease proportionately. In reality these will all likely stay the same with increased costs every year. In my 37 years in the trade, all I've seen is more BCSA office overhead (partly to process new fees) and less BCSA Inspection hours in the field. All BCSA expenses should be covered by permit fees. That is simple to pass on to clients. The whole system gets more complicated every year for Clients, FSRs, Contractors, and BCSA office staff. I see more and more noncompliant installations by clients and underground contractors every year. I think this is partially due to the increasing fees. Time for a complete reboot of the entire system.
COV	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	<p>I question the need to re-certify. IMHO once having passed the FSR exam the certification should be for life. Upgrading and familiarizing oneself with new code rules and changes should be up to the FSR to complete as part of their professional standard. We don't recertify our trade tickets, diploma's or university degrees and so why the need to recertify as FSR's?</p> <p>Ensuring the FSR stays "up to date" is a different matter... and could be addressed in other ways (webinars and online methods of keeping up certification for example). I am not in favor of another fee, especially when there is no benefit to the FSR.</p>

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Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I do appreciate that there is a cost to everything, and as such, there is a cost to the FSR program (which I strongly support). That being said, these are costs that can be covered through the revenues generated in the permitting fees and local business license fees collected daily and across the province. The option/privilege to be a registered, card carrying licensed electrician need not come at an additional personal cost; a cost that can not necessarily be extended through business channels.
BI Pure Water Inc	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I have just gotten my FSR last year but I am asked to renew my license this year. In addition to license renewal, we are forced to take a refresher course which can easily cost up to \$550-700. This increases the cost to Canadian Company making us less competitive. Typically, as our company who is constantly dealing with the city will have an updated code book to keep us up to date. But this regulation will force every one of us to go back to class every 5-6 years for refresher. And most of the time, the code book does not have a lot of changes. This is definitely will add additional burden to local companies and contractors.
matt mcdonald electric inc	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I feel the proposed fee is far too much, it's another cost to small business owners that we can't pass on, it's hard enough to make ends meet in this high cost economic environment without added unnecessary burden like this.
Bouygues Energies & Services	Reasonable / Supportive	The fees need to be put towards cost of upgrade courses. FSR upgrade courses should coincide with each new CSA C22.1 once adopted. The courses need to be available via web based training to allow for remote members to attend.
J Waters Electric LTD	Unreasonable / Opposed	I think the safety authority is implementing too many programs that require more employees that will keep costs rising. It is all in the name of safety, but too much of the cost of an installation already goes to permit fees.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	The FSR CoQ should not expire. We worked hard to achieve this certificate and our abilities do not disappear simply because we didn't pay a \$100 fee. The FSR is responsible for keeping up to date on code, and if they don't, it will be reflected by failing inspection. This renewal process is unnecessary.
bluewater elect	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	just another tax grab...give us a break...fees fees fees when will it stop
Kurz electric	Somewhat unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Just another money grab.
MB Allan Electric	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	I thinks this approach makes sense!

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Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	too many taxes and fees already this is just another cash grab the FSR certification is for life not renewable every 3 years
safetec	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Just another cash grab, why does the Safety authority need to penalize business further? We already pay! pay! pay! What is the benefit to business? Why not look internally if you need to raise money?
Versatile Electric Ltd	Reasonable / Supportive	A tracking system for the current education of FSR level is welcomed.
Wavelength electric	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I'd like to know why this has been brought to the table? It seems like every few months there is some kind of fee hike or new fee proposal. Are there too many people at the BCSA looking for something to do? What possibly could be taught at a FSR course in a 3 year cycle that couldn't be taught at the code update courses.
Electrician	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	If this \$100/every 3 years replaces the annual contractor licence fee, I'm all for it. However, if not, it seems like just another cash grab. Hike permit fees instead or lay off some staff.
DGCinstallations	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	Awesome savings for us, thank you.
Electrician	Somewhat reasonable / Supportive	Could the funding for admin. be achieved by paying a percentage of the value of the permit. That way larger companies, that pull more permits at larger dollar values would cover the brunt of the cost and smaller contractors would pay accordingly. FSR's need to be up to date on the CEC I think that when the code book is updated, FSR's should be required to take a mandatory code upgrade similar to the traveling Tech Talks. Code violation fines could help fund upgrade discussions as well as the funding already in place for Tech Talks. FSR's need to educate themselves as well as those working under their supervision.
Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I have only put these answers because I was not aware there was any renewal fee. There is no expiry date on my FSR card.

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Unemployed at the moment	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>BCSA has not identified the need and how of the explanation for the \$100 fee. Is the BCSA implying that the \$100 fee and certificate renewal is necessary BCSA to keep accurate records of certificate holders? Are the BCSA records not kept up to date and accurate now?</p> <p>How will BCSA ensure that FSRs have up-to-date information about code and regulatory changes?</p> <p>Why does BCSA imply that FSRs that have current certificates and might not be knowledgeable and up-to-date? Is there evidence to support this BCSA claim?</p> <p>What is the role of the BCSA inspectors in ensuring the FSRs are up-to-date? If we pay the fee for updating the FSR records, what do the FSRs receive from BCSA for this fee to ensure that we are knowledgeable and up-to-date?</p> <p>It's one thing to pay the fee but the FSRs should demand value for the fees paid. Additional consultation should be held with all FSRs throughout BC before any fee of this nature is put in place.</p>
College	Unreasonable / Opposed	<p>I don't understand what perks come from the FSR certificate Renewal. Other than paying money and being recognized as being active in the system. There is nothing to actually prove that I'm still relevant in my field. I don't understand how a new certificate with no added training or new knowledge makes me relevant.</p>
Eaton	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>We don't need more regulation and fees. It's already expensive to get set up as an FSR-A, plus contractor's license, plus bond, plus permits.</p> <p>I totally disagree with the new approach</p>
Field Safety Representative	Reasonable / Supportive	<p>The renewal fee is reasonable as long as it includes a BCSA code refresher as part of the cost. When this fee process was first considered, in conjunction with the introduction of the 2012 Electrical Code, a free update was offered by the BCSA. These code sessions were put on by the local ESO usually with support from an additional ESO from within the region with a knowledge test done after the meeting ended. If this or a similar process was part of the fee it would no doubt increase the support received from FSRs. Code courses done by an outside agency can become quite costly and time consuming. So far support for the change seems quite dismal.</p>
Training providers	Reasonable / Supportive	<p>I think that it will help holders of an FSR to stay in touch with any changes in the CEC. I find the \$100 fee very reasonable.</p>

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Field Safety Representative	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	Seems like another tax. Already pay for contractor licence renewals and bonding renewals. Why would our earned qualification expire? College degrees don't..... This is just another way to let the government's hand in my pocket. If more funds are required than increase the permit costs. This passes the burden to people/companies that require the services of the inspection branches etc. The cost should be covered by the users not the workers of the industry.
SD 67	Neutral / Neutral	I think the renewal fee is not the problem taking 8 hours of code that can only be given by individuals that are approved by BCSA is. I have taken many code courses and the cost has gone from reasonable to outright unaffordable. As I have worked for employers in the private sector they love you to have your FSR but offer little to no help at all when it comes to paying for a code course I think this is where the BCSA should step in and offer FSR renewal course at a fixed price across BC so that that maximum number FSR holders are maintained. I think if the BCSA don't keep FSR renewal affordable there will be fewer and fewer holders of FSR and less electricians writing the exam for a FSR. Thank you
Green Care Energy Consulting - Blue Lightning Electric	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	It is all good like to see you moving forward with all the on going increases.
Electrical Contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	We already pay annually for our contractor's license and bonding fees. This is a cash grab. Our FSR certification was supposed to be for life. What happens if we don't pay the renewal fee? I think that the only people who support this are just confusing this fee with the contractor's license and believe that it will save them money. Quite the contrary. The safety authority is soaking us, period.

The Electric Company

Unreasonable /  
Strongly opposed

I would like to make two points.

1. I have read through all the comments provided to date (as of August 16, 2017 â€” per <https://www.safetyauthority.ca/sites/default/files/el-fsr-fee-consult-2017-verbatim-responses.pdf>) and it is apparent that many respondents who have shown support for this proposal are mistaken in their understanding of what it is that this fee will renew. This is a NEW FEE to renew your FSR certificate. It is NOT a change in the current fee for renewing your Electrical Contractor's License. My ECL currently runs me \$159 per year; as such, if I was mistaken in thinking that this new \$100 fee reduced that to, in essence, \$33.33 per year (\$100 over three years) then, yes, of course I would be responding positively. This is, of course, not the case. What we are now talking about is paying the existing \$159/year PLUS another \$33.33/year.

Now, if you have made this mistake and have provided positive comments that reflect this mistake, please either rescind your prior comments or make new comments that reflect your new understanding of what is proposed. Additionally, if you are one of these individuals and you are writing new comments, please ensure that you use the same "name" that you used in your first submission, so that when the comments are tallied, your initial comments of support can be negated by your subsequent comments of non-support. Otherwise, both will be counted; resulting in one "for" and one "against" vote, rather than merely one "against" vote.

2. I would ask that everyone who is interested in commenting on this proposal first read the document titled Electrical FSR Renewal Fee Consultation 2017 Financial Information, which you can find at [https://www.safetyauthority.ca/sites/default/files/fsr\\_financial\\_table.pdf](https://www.safetyauthority.ca/sites/default/files/fsr_financial_table.pdf) . In short, this document provides comparisons between this proposed fee (for BC) and those charged in other provinces (Ontario and Alberta). The reason that this is noteworthy is not, as the document would have us believe, that we here in BC will be better off than our counterparts in the other two provinces; rather, it is noteworthy in that the two provinces chosen are, to be glib, exemplars of revenue-stream systems that are best avoided. Let me explain.

The first province is the one in Canada that is arguably -- and it would be difficult to argue against this -- the most famous (or perhaps infamous is a more appropriate term) for charging arbitrary taxes, fees, surcharges, and the like, in order to help pay off mistakes made by its leaders; leaders whom have become defined by spending money from public coffers in a very "liberal" way. Yes, I am talking about Ontario. Yes, I have lived and worked in Ontario. No, I am not merely echoing what I have heard in the news; rather, I have lived and worked as an electrician in Ontario and have first-hand experience with that province's methods for recouping financial losses. In Ontario, it is considered merely the status quo to

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		<p>introduce fees such as this in order to help pay for a mistake made the year earlier.</p> <p>The second province is the one whose government claims to levy on its citizens the lowest “taxes” (plural) by constantly drawing attention to a singularity, that is, its zero percent provincial sales tax. Here I am talking about our neighbor, Alberta. As with many of you reading this, I have worked in Alberta, and I have many friends that work in Alberta still. As such, I am quite aware of Alberta’s other “methods” for filling its coffers while losing out on the revenue that would accompany a provincial sales tax. One of those “methods” is to charge ludicrous fees to those who work in “the field.” Because the wages for trades workers in Alberta are “so high” while the cost of living is “so low,” it is easy for any branch of the Albertan government to charge, again, arbitrary taxes, fees, surcharges, and the like.</p> <p>The long and the short of it is that the aforementioned document is meant to make it look as though we are getting a “better” deal than our counterparts in the rest of the country; however, upon closer inspection, it appears that the two provinces to which we are directed to make our comparisons have been selected specifically because their fees are much higher than those being proposed to us here in BC.</p> <p>In closing, I will state that I am not in favor of the proposed fees. I have seen very little justifying why said fees are necessary. As others have stated, if these fees contributed to something tangible, constructive, and positive, i.e., CEC updates training, increased inspection rates, etc., then it would take much less to persuade me of their necessity. Permit fees have risen considerably over the past few years; I think that the increase in “administration costs” of the FSR program should be easily covered by those increases. On that note, I am not convinced that there are, in fact, any reasons to presume and/or concede that the costs for administering the FSR program have indeed risen; moreover, if they have risen, I am forced to ask why? If they have risen, what has changed? And, more importantly, if something has changed that has driven the costs up, why was that “change” not proposed to us, and discussed in a similar fashion as we are doing now, prior to this point? It seems to me that everything relating to the rationale behind proposing this fee has not been fully disclosed; moreover, the lack of full disclosure has only contributed to me -- and most of you, it appears -- suspecting that this current proposed FSR fee is meant to mitigate the negative financial fallout from just such an “undisclosed” change. If then this turns out to be the case, the question is no longer should BC implement such a fee; rather, the question becomes should BC replace the Dogwood as our provincial flower with, say, the Trillium?</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>

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md electric services inc.	Reasonable / Supportive	It should match Bond insurance date.
Interior Health	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Interesting how it's called an enhancement, there is absolutely zero enhancement being accomplished , FSR will have to come up with money for something that is currently free , and the authority will create a paperwork tracking nightmare that will burn up any revenue collected ! A non expiry FSR is a simple one time registration , no residual costs to anyone , why try and fix something that's not broken ? I guess the employees from the long gun registry needed new jobs , we all know how well that went ,,,,
RJK Electrical Systems Ltd	Unreasonable / Opposed	The price for permits is already too high plus all the extra costs to meet the new code rules makes it hard to make money and be competitive. I don't understand how the BC Safety Authority needs to charge money to see who is an FSR.
Lakes District Electric	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	FSR program is not necessary at all.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	does a degree or other educational qualification earned through a test is renewable ??? even if it yes, why now after so many years??? people who earned the FSR designation shall not be penalized. it seems like another cash grab.
zee electrical ltd.	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Permit fee are already very high. There shall not be any fee on FSR certificate. FSR's earn the certificate of qualification through a test. There shall be no renewal fee on FSR certification.
Alexander Electric	Reasonable / Supportive	It isn't a lot, and I feel the extra monitoring by BC Safety will be good.
PRH FM	Unreasonable / Strongly Opposed	Another Cash grab...
Employee of a construction contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Instead of having a renewal fee make it mandatory to have a refresher course every 3 years based on changes to the code.
BCES	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Maintaining FSR should be based on up to date skill levels and current code/regulation knowledge. Not based on affording another fee.
Allied Power and Communication	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	is there any additional testing involved? This would appear to be a cash cow...
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	We already pay excessive permit fees and need to compete against unlicensed contractors who do not have these costs. I feel it is unreasonable to increase our expenses even further.

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TOC	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	If that \$100 for one new paper print out, that sounds insane. That should be included some sort if code refreshments service. With \$100 I can have my FSR certificate put on a gold picture frame.
Austin Power Ltd.	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Just another cost to add to the cost of being a independant contractor. There is no need for a renewal for fsr class electricians. No other major trade needs a special certification to be a contractor, why do electricians need to not only get a special certification but then pay fees to maintain that standing? Cash grab, and an inconveniance. Plain and simple
Sacred Energy	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	The BCSA already has outrageous fees. The cost you are imposing on contractors is unjust. When I completed my training there were no fees to renew on a cyclical basis. How is it that a private company feels they have the right to suddenly impose fees for something that has been working just fine up until now? MONEY GRAB! The BCSA is a private company, they have no right to impose fees on private contractors. The BCSA is claiming this fee is to help with administration however I guarantee the contractors will be doing it all online with no need for any administration. This is yet another one of their MONEY GRABS. The BCSA is only in place for one reason and it is not safety, it's to take money from contractors and home owners. What a joke!
Maintenance Manager / Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	When the FSR program came into existence we were told it was a certificate for life. I support continued education as a display of due diligence; even mandatory attendance for a number of hours. However, a renewal fee is an inappropriate cash grab.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Oh look...another way to milk us of after tax money. Just because other jurisdictions are making it doesn't have to mean you necessarily need to as well. BC- Bring Cash at its finest
Electrician	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Another cash grab, while the upper management continues to expense ridiculous amounts over the back of citizens.
Electrician	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	If you are going to question the knowledge of FSR every 3 years for 100\$ seems more like another money grab to me. I do get there are some dumb FSRs out there but why penalize everyone when we should be implementing harsher penalties to people who don't follow regulation
Western Joint Training Electrical Society	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Renewals does not make for safer electricians or job sites. The renewal simply allows BC safety authority to track active FSRs. Up until now this hasn't been a priority. I agree there should be a method to push inactive FSRs out of the system but the funding should come from levying fines against non compliant contractors not out of the pocket of the FSR base. This will simply push fewer FSRs to oversee more jobs at the detriment to the safety of the job and the FSR program.

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CR Renos	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	There does not seem to be any reason to implement this fee. If in fact the ECL was reduced to \$100 for three years I'm sure that everyone would jump on the bandwagon. However to charge us lowly workers in the field \$100 for something that was previously free does not make any sense. Why should we have to continually renew something that is a basic certificate of expertise. If I am to infer from the document you referred to then my question is this? How and what has changed to make this fee come about? Was this work not being done before? If not then how badly in disarray is the record keeping? Has the budget not been maintained, and people within the organization are receiving more money for the same work? I do think this is a really bad idea and will lead to alienation of "the system" by the regular workers.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Just another cash grab for a supposedly not for profit company.
Tradesperson	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	money grab. i have had my ticket since the early 90's now you want to charge me to keep it
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	The BC Safety Authority is an unnecessary and expensive level of government
Tradesperson in HVAC	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	You change a system that requires more staff (or reassignment of existing over staff) to perform a useless task. If my red seal trade doesn't expire why should my electrical endorsement. As well, at \$100 fee, with someone earning a reasonable \$20/hr for a data entry position, you are trying to sell the idea that to rubber stamp my endorsement and update my personal address will take 5 hours! Give me a break. Nothing but a tax and government overreach.
Trimac Consulting Corp.	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Every FSR holder that I have come into contact with has done applicable code courses with a certified instructor for all amendments and new additions to the CEC and safety standards act . So there should be no need to check up on these people , the work quality and ability to read and correctly execute electrical work within the code is sole responsibility of the FSR holder and should not rely on BC SAFETY AUTHORITY. As for keeping track of FSR holders give your head a shake we live in the digital age , I don't have to renew my bank account every three years because royal bank can still see that I am banking with them , who knew !? Do you have some problem with your computer server that deletes everyone's information on a three year cycle ?

CASH GRAB

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Tradesperson	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	I feel that everything continues to increase in cost with no benefit to the holders of tickets issued by BCSA. Making sure that holders of FSRs get training is good but this will be another expense that will have to be paid out of pocket to ensure that the FSR can be renewed. The cost of the renewal should include training materials relevant to all of the changes or amendments that have been made to the CEC.
Heritage Electric Ltd.	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	Is there benefit to the FSRs or contractors ? If so what ? You should be streamlining the whole process not adding additional costs
Tradesperson	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I think its a joke I've never once seen a electrical inspector. I've had my HVAC ticket for 25 years working on electrical then you decided we had to upgrade our ticket. I still haven't recovered the cost from training lost work and cost of writing the ticket two years ago. Nice money grab!!!
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	The usual tax the tax payer again. Pretty tired of the BCSA wasting my money. Asking me to give them more money to waste...what an insult. This is where it starts or stops people. Once implimented we will be paying exponetially as good Canadians do. No problems with the quality of my workmanship. Fine poor performing electricians for horrendous work then guess what, no need for the FSR altogether.
Golden Leaf Electrical Ltd.	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Just another money grab. If implemented should be financed from permit and licensing fees.
Blue Crest Electric	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	A Journeyman Electrician RSE is recognized as an inter-provincial professional electrician, an FSR certificate shows that this professional has made the effort to study and become even more proficient in the CEC. Professionals take their roles seriously and keep up with Code changes so that their customers will be safe. The proposed fees are not only clearly a new revenue stream creatively conceived by the BCSA management team but also a way to force control. I am completely opposed to taxing FSR's. If you need more revenue there are other options that do not hurt the working professionals such as increasing permit fees, these get passed on to consumers/projects. Leave the FSR certificate as a one time achievement, good for life, no fees attached. It looks like the BCSA management team will soon repeat the mistake Canada made with another infamous registry. This one too will be a huge waste and not make us any safer. It's unfortunate that this "consultation" is merely a way for 95% of us to vent. The other 5% think that this fee replaces the contractor fee and they will be getting a good deal.

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Freelance Installations Ltd.	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Another cash cow for the Corporation! Every year you increase the contractors license fees. An now you want charge another \$100.00 every three years to keep are FSR certificate ? Who's idea was that?
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	As a self-employed electrician, I had to take valuable weekend time travel costs and course costs just to get this certification. Now you want a tax to renew something that to date was not required, or in my opinion needed. As others have said, how many doctors, teachers, politicians, Electrical Inspectors, etc. need to renew their accreditation? This is just a cash grab, the only actual inspections I see done are after an event, or homeowner permits. Stop with unnecessary taxes, permits etc. This reminds me of the original FAC (PAL) firearms permits, supposed to be life long, then comes around to a continuing renewal, with price increases every few years. Short answer.....NO NO NO!
Tradesperson	Unreasonable / Opposed	I feel the fee is simply a tax grab! In all my 20+ years as a ticketed tradesman I have NEVER received a single update of any kind from the safety authority. It has done nothing to increase my training and has zero bearing on how I do my job. It is simply an expensive card that I am required to buy.
Efko Electric Ltd.	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	As far as I am concern, the cost is not the problem, how do you justify the word renewal, that is the problem. Many years ago I wrote a 4 hour exam for the B class certificate passed it with flying colors first time, few years later again another 4 hour exam for the class A same result, I was about one year new immigrant felt so proud still I am, there is not renewal it is mine for life I have earned it. Your proposal is undemocratic and unethical, it is people like me that we sustained the industry all of these years. You are proposing new laws allow for a grandfather clause, let the new candidates know what is the rules.
Mountain Electric	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I can see this as another cash grab. It starts out as \$100.00 but I would expect it to increase, possibly like the permit prices do? The Safety Authority has the ability to challenge the FSR certificate if the holder does not keep up to date on their knowledge of the codes pertaining to the work they do. Why enforce a renewal process that will end up costing the electrical contractors even more money on top of the fees they already pay?
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	FSR status should be treated as trades qualification status, no need for renewal
Meister Electrical Ltd.	Neutral / Opposed	What is wrong with the way things are now? Not that \$100 is a lot of money, but it is another hand in our pocket!!
Pretivm Exploration	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Government fees are theft. Please leave it as it's been for the last 50 years.

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MegaLink	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Another tax grab by a stupid unaccountable Government organization. Why has Ontario never adopted this?
Ecoenergy Contracting	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	This is another Bill I have to pay to be a contractor. I already need to pay to renew my contractors license, insurance, WCB, bonds, and city operating licenses. This is an unnecessary cash grab at its finest. Will this take away my FSR if I forget to renew? How many weeks will this set me back if I can't pull permits. Heaven forbid the people who work hard to play by the rules get pushed around by pencil pushers who make life more difficult. This will just push shady contractors in front of us because customers want the lowest price, how can we compete when we are too busy paying imaginary fees. How about you go after unlicensed uninsured contractors first before you try and put your hands in our pockets. Have some value for the people who use the safety authority.
Sasco Contractors	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I don't see other occupations requiring there employees to renew there certificate for any other jobs out there. I have a Red seal and that is for life! This is a money grab, we are responsible for updating our knowledge of the changes in the code why should we have to pay to have a rubber stamp on our license as the FSR.
Tradesperson	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I have just received my FSR less than a month ago. It cost over \$400 to write the test, and I am expected to pay another hundred to maintain it. This seems ridiculous. Also \$100 for administrative costs is very high. How much time is required to accept money, and print off a new card??
Electrical contractor	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	I am not in favour of the fee, but would be in favour of implementing a mandatory code course that FSR's would have to take every time a new code book revision is issued.
Electrician	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	This seems like an excessive waste of time and money. The only way this could possibly make sense is if the \$100 fee for renewal of the FSR certificate would include a free copy of the new code book every time one comes out. The forever increase in permit fees should be enough to cover any and all other expenses. The permit value is by far the biggest complaint i get from any customer on invoices.
Barry Stroud Contracting	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	FSR is a level of training and applicable exams. I have earned this by study and hard work. You have no right to begin charging me for my qualifications or to revoke them without cause. I paid when I wrote my exams. I pay a licence fee for my company every year. This is wrong on so many levels.

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Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>Adding another fee only further incentivizes and rewards the people that already cheat the system by doing regulated work without permits, work on the black market, use improper ratios of apprentices to journey persons, work without a contractor's license, etc.</p> <p>Would be nice if some attention could be directed towards the people that don't follow the rules rather than finding ways to further penalize the individuals and companies that do.</p>
Aecon Water	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	The longer I can renew for the better. As a comparison an Alberta Master renewal is \$120 for 1 year so \$100 for 3 years is a great deal.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	What incentive for journeymen to become FSR's? The more people we have qualified the better. This will be a barricade to anyone thinking about it. I support regular certification, but to charge for it is a slap in the face.
Vision Electric	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	It seems like another cash grab. I just spent close to \$2000 the course fees, books and other supplies plus examination fees. I was thinking this was like my red seal or dogwood and once you've completed your training and passed the test that it would be with you for life. The amount of hoops that need to be jumped through is one thing but it's getting ridiculous how every time you do jump through someone has their hand out. It's making it hard for a family to run a small business with good service and is going to allow the big companies to take over. Then soon after wages will be cut and living in BC will become harder and harder than it already is. We're already losing all of our good tradesmen to other provinces. What are you offering to attract new business?
Electrical Contractor	Reasonable / Supportive	So, 8 hours of code related training would likely include tech-talks. If so will they still be offered at no cost and would they be available in all areas so it's fair for everyone. If costs are incurred for the training then please make that clear up front.

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Electrician	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>This is absolute nonsense. There is no need for a fee to be impose on FSR holders, nor a need for a three year renewal cycle. It is already onerous enough to have 3 year code cycles. The BCSA should not even contemplate adding an additional tax upon hard working trades people by imposing a three year FSR renewal cycle.</p> <p>The BCSA has already attempted to interfere in the electrical trade through its ill conceived Electrical Work Practitioner scheme. It appears the organization has nothing better to do than further harass skilled trades people in BC by taxing them every 3 years for a useless program.</p> <p>Why rush into a 3 year cycle, when no renewal has been needed before? At the very least, t a 10 year cycle be somewhat reasonable. This is another tax grab by a bloated bureaucracy to is seeking to justify its existence, as it downloads more and more oversight of the industry to tradespeople and contractors.</p> <p>No fee, no renewal cycle for FSRs.</p>
Electrician	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I feel this fee is a cash grab!
ESC Automation	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I think it's the biggest mistake you guys could make. Once a trade certification is obtained, should be good for life. Feels nothing is gained by this by tradespeople, only a money grab.
REMM Solutions	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>Just another cash grab. Following Ontario's lead on the attack and taxing of the trades? What is next renewal fees for journeyman CofQ in all trades?</p> <p>I am not opposed to having a valid code course update certificate for the current adopted code in the AHJ, but not a mandatory monopoly pulling the strings.</p>
Temp-Pro Refrigeration	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Enough revenue should be generated through permit costs without taxing the tradespeople.

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Electrician	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>This fee is out of line with its proposed expenses. It does not cost \$100 for BCSA to get me to fill out an online renewal form and send me a plastic card. If the fee INCLUDED a code refresher, I would find it acceptable. It sounds like the proposed system is to have current code refreshers put on by third party institutions be mandatory, in which case I think the renewal fee would only be maybe \$20, though best not at all.</p> <p>The real issue is code compliance, and too many electricians actively ignore code rules to make their job easier, faster, and cheaper. This is the real problem, and can only be solved by stepping up inspections, and fining those who cut corners.</p> <p>Lastly, this fee will discourage regular electricians, and foreman, such as myself, who do not own contracting businesses, from taking FSR courses, resulting in LESS QUALIFIED ELECTRICIANS ON SITE.</p>
Ketek Group	Reasonable / Supportive	I like the three year renewable cycle it matches a lot of other safety certificates and as long as the BC Safety Authority is sending out the reminders on renewals it should work well.
Coastline Electrical	Somewhat reasonable / Opposed	<p>If the fee renewal is for BSFA to keep better records of FSRs shouldn't the FSRs failure or pass rate for inspections be a better representation of how much knowledge of the code the FSR has? I m not sure how this renewal will help contractors or BCSA track FSRs.</p> <p>I would suggest using an FSRs inspection pass or fail on a permit as a grade that can be viewed by new employers. This could be attached to a resume.</p>
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	The fee carries with it no requirement for any training. It is simply a stamp and cash grab.
Honeywell	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	Money grab, too high, doesn't cost 100 \$ to keep my file updated and a wallet card. Already pay a too much for my A gas ticket.
Tri-Tech Communications Ltd	Reasonable / Strongly Supportive	It would be nice for 3 years for \$100 and even 5 year for \$150, the less we have to remember to renew, the more time we can spend on our business.
Accent LED Lighting	Somewhat unreasonable / Neutral	We are Low Energy certified only and feel that such a lower level certification should come with a lower lever fee.
Field Safety Representative	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	I'm all for it as long as the [the company] pays for mine:)
Tash Elektrik & General Services Ltd	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	All FSR having a continual education during renewal of the FSR certificate every 3 years is supported to keep our industrial up to date.

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Matcon	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>We install underground raceway conduits only. We do not deal with wires or electrical components.</p> <p>We were already struggling to understand why we need to have a FSR and raceway certificates when we are dealing with empty plastic conduits. Installing these is easier and safer than our normal pipe work.</p> <p>Now adding additional certification, bureaucratic requirements, and costs upon installation of empty plastic conduit installation? Please provide some justification. We are busy people and don't have time for this.</p>
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	We have never had to renew our certification in the past. This is just a cash grab another tax imposed on us. DO NOT SUPPORT!!!!
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Unless there is some sort of new CEC training that comes along with this it seems rather pointless...
Tradesperson	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	As the holder of multiple tickets, I feel that many of these fees are a bit of a money grab. The initial cost for many of these courses and tickets are significant and in the end once you are registered and in the system what cost is there in administering that? If we were getting something of value in return as well I could possibly see fit to agree to pay the fee. (eg- stronger enforcement of current trades ticket requirements and regulations) .
Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Cash grab to create revenue to pay top executives or pad your coffers.
FH Electric	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>The FSR cert. is similar to having a red seal TQ cert. If more \$ is needed to keep the BC safety auth operating, this is a completely unjust way to bring in extra funds. It is by definition a truly socialist tax, bordering on a communist tax. Yes it is a tax, as any fee charged for the benefit of keeping something you already have, without any direct service provided, is a tax. It is an undemocratic tax, and by principle violates our charter of rights.</p> <p>There is no service provided here as there is simply a list of FSR's to be kept on file. This is a precedent that would next allow a fee for having a red seal. I have noticed decreased service and increased fees from the auth. as of recent. This is entirely to blame on a top heavy govt. style operation. We would benefit from more qualified inspectors, and far less management. If the trend continues, we will see in time, a multiple of private sector inspection agencies coming to task. That is how a democracy works.</p>

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Tytan Electric	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>The certificate has been earned by the FSR why does it have to be renewed ? Do other higher education certificates have to be renewed ? Teachers, lawyers, doctors, dentists etc? This seems like bureaucracy for the sake of bureaucracy with no benefit for the end user.</p> <p>I do think some kind of continuing education program would be a good idea other professions have a requirement to take upgrade or refresher courses every year or two to maintain their professional designation.</p>
Prospect Electric	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>This appears to be just an additional charge for being certified. For a company with several FSR's they will be required to make a substantial payment over a 3 year period. For example if a contractor has 10 FSR's in they're program then that would equal a \$1000.00 payment every 3 years. If this cost is transferred to the individual then you'll find people not renewing which in fact will decrease the number of qualified persons on the job. Not a well thought out proposal and appears to be just another increase for the Safety Authority.</p>
Spectrum Security	Reasonable / Supportive	<p>Good plan as long as the rates stay down. Now maybe they will have more time for some enforcement with teeth. It's time to get rid of "contractors" who do unlicensed work.</p>
Tradesperson	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>These continual "required renewals" that force tradespeople to pay out on a regular basis to "offset the administrative costs" are getting ridiculous. If you didn't force us to renew every few years there wouldn't BE any administration costs. -We have to pay for the schooling. -We have to pay JUST TO WRITE the exams. -When we pass the exam we have to pay for the administration fees of registering our tickets. -We already have to pay every few years for our gas tickets. -Now you want to charge us every 3 years for our electrical tickets too? Call it what it is. It's a cash grab. Milking hard working people to line the government coffers.</p>

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Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>I have called my local MLA about this horrendous and blatant imposed "tax". Code updating is unreasonable, and if the BCSA would like to ensure updating on code, then HOLD YOUR OWN INFORMATION SESSIONS!!</p> <p>In fact, do it with your own safety supervisors, so that they can ensure they feel the FSR's are getting the correct updates.</p> <p>I am NOT interested in paying a university \$1000 every three years to show me the small pamphlet of code updates, just so I can have the " privilege" of paying the BCSA another 100 bucks.</p> <p>YOU ARE THE SAFETY AUTHORITY! You are in a SERVICE INDUSTRY! We, the contractors and FSR's are the customers! There is no private sector company that would get away with this horrible treatment of their customer base.</p>
Electrician	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	This is an obvious money grab. Stop. We've never needed it, just leave it be.
JG Electrical Service	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	This will keep all FSRs updated on current CEC amendments and electrical safety issues.
Tradesperson	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Stating that this fee would cover costs of running this program and covering all the cost of maintaining up to date info is misleading. I would argue that BCSA receives funds from the provincial Government to do this. This is plain and simple an added tax to working individuals. I am strongly opposed to provincial government organizations adding fees and charges and premiums until middle class people can no longer afford to live in the BC and the lower mainland. It truly makes me frustrated that all costs are passed on to the individuals and not the companies that employ them.
Expert Electric Ltd.	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Every deal needs to be a win win, this deal is a win lose, you win we lose, there is absolutely no benefit to FSR's here at all. What i see here is you obviously needed to creatively figure out how to make some extra revenue and this seems like a creative way of accomplishing that goal, its an imposed tax with no benefit to the stakeholders i.e FSR's.
Tradesperson	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Part of me feels like this is a hidden tax BUT if you can provide all the latest amendments to the current electrical code then I feel like we are getting something for our money. To be honest, the last thing we need to carry is another wallet card. Thanks.
Field Safety Representative	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	\$100 should be for 5 years. FIVE YEARS.

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Northstar Signs	Neutral / Neutral	I would be in favor as long as we don't have a contractor renewal fee in March, if this overrides that I can see doing this, but it must be charged for all other trades as well, Plumbers, builders, gas fitters and such, not just FSRs for electrical.
Field Safety Representative	Reasonable / Neutral	What I have seen as a serious flaw in the present system is that everyone is presumed to have the same qualifications regardless of their actual effort to be informed and experienced in the evolution of the industry. What should motivate those holding qualifications such as FSR certificates is a certified Safety Authority registered on line resume detailing what courses, upgrades and experience has been gained by the FSR besides the minimum. That service should be valued by employers as a way of evaluating the actual value of the FSR.
Electrician	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Always more fees.
F&M Installations	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Asking for a renewal fee for something that never required a renewal before is just a money grab, pure and simple.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	What? this is going backwards. This will promote more illegal work being done by unqualified people. More money equals more shortcuts! Who else out there has to renew (nurses,doctors,teachers?)
Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Just another imposed tax to be handed to the customer.....not a good idea
MWatt Electric Inc	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	This is going to help weed out the less serious from the completely dedicated. In a forever changing industry it is important to stay completely up to date.  My big concern is standardizing code courses. I have taken many code courses and only the one put on by the local safety officer was worth the money. The other ones you sit in a class room and look through the code book and learn nothing about the Acts or directives.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	We already pay renewal fees for our electrical contractors licence. The FSR renewal is a double tap for fees.If we pay for the FSR, we should not have to pay for the electrical contractors licence as well.
Field Safety Representative	Somewhat reasonable / Supportive	I support the idea of a certificate renewal after completion of a code upgrade course, but this first renewal is a cash grab as no code upgrade is required.
Electrical contractor	Somewhat reasonable / Neutral	Perhaps 5 or 10 yr renewal would be more appropriate. Could also have a certain number of weighted training credits via online code courses to keep FSR credentials current.

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Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Just another money grab ,i fail to see how this will help keep anyone updated and current regarding code changes . I have gone through the apprentice program at a huge personal cost and got my FSR ,why do i have to keep paying for it ? If i had gone to university and got a degree ,i would have it for life , so why put an extra burden on the electrical trade ?
Electrician	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Over regulated. Just another money grab to employ more pointless" top heavy" positions. Deplorable. You should be ashamed of yourselves regardless of how you attempt to justify your positions. Show me that you have ever stopped an unsafe contractor. They get fined. That makes you money and for them the fines are cheaper than running the business properly, therefore by raising rates you make it more enticing for the bad apples and harder for the blue collar types you pretend to be protecting. Shame, shame, shame.
Tradesperson	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	This is simply another money grab for another certificate which in my opinion is not needed for refrigeration journeymen some who have numerous years of experience working with high voltage equipment.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Just another money grab from the government... If this fee is implemented I will be doing all my jobs "under the table" I can no longer afford to do legal work, to many hands in my pocket.
Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I just got my FSR 3 weeks ago and now I have to pay another fee. Ridiculous. As an FSR I'm required to keep up to date with the code a regulatory changes regardless of it being mandatory.
Westbay Mechanical	Somewhat unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Cash Grab
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	There's way too many fees already. Try to not be so obvious that you're trying to print your own money.
BC Rapid Transit Company	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Seems like a cash grab. What will happen to electrician that got there ticket before the separation of the trade to construction and industrial?
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Paying for a contractor license renewal is one thing, but to add more cost to a level of that contractor license is nothing more than a double dip cash grab. I am also opposed to the Master Electrician rating for any of the ticket levels below the "A" FSR.
Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Why more fees? How about more efficiency throughout the entire supply chain?
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Cash Grab against small business. On par with WCB charges for home based business. Paying BCSA money for nothing. Permit fees are already paid yearly.

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Clearlines Telephone Co. Inc.	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	It's about time! Thanks for doing this. :)
Electrician	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	This seems like a blatant money grab. If there were some sort of refresher course that coincided it would make some sort of sense, but this is ridiculous!
Esau Electric Ltd	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	A possible review of any FSR or contractor for too many non-compliance reports ( say it be more than 2-3 in a row. Or maybe less for an agregious fail). I'm all for upping the standards and raising our trade to the highest standard.
City of Burnaby	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	I am in favor of the fee but believe it should be comparable with the rest of Canada, with the additional revenue used to support code related courses and information sessions.
East Island Mechanical	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	As an FSR holder i worked hard to get where I am today, my daily actions support and drive the economy. I view this as simply another money grab removing valuable resources from my local economy. As such i strongly oppose it. If you tax anyone , tax the end user(permit applicant).
Little Eagle Electrical	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Adds more cost to the contractors who do pull permits and turns more work to underground work force . More immigrants more underground wake up to what is really going on .
Bridge Electric	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	Excellent idea
[Not provided]	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	This is outrageous as i have never had to pay this ever only the original fee.who is financially benefiting from this tax. How many people are you planning to hire with full benefits and golden parachutes. They are not needed now or ever. How many people are expected to pay and if they don't you will revoke the licence and make them enroll again to pass your test. Who is paying to redo this. All involved in this change of "policymaking "need to be immediately have their employment terminated. This will and should not happen in british Columbia. Too bad the other provinces do it.they should do like us .time to drain [bureaucracy].
Coral Canada Wide	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Cash grab no need for it as there is no new training. There is still techs working with having a FSR. What's up with that?
Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	why cant they offset the cost off of annual renewal fee. Don't mind code courses but don't want to be writing tests again, unless they [can] schedule it for weekends or evenings so I can keep my customers serviced properly

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Remm Solutions	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I agree with the points "the Electric company makes" It seems another arms length government organisation, like ICBC, The HPO, BC hydro ect are bloating and require more funds to fuel their growth from increased red tape, complexity and bureaucracy in the name of safety.
Canstar Mechanical	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	This sounds like a way to get more money off the back of hard working tradesmen who are already taxed enough and now you want additional money to pay for your programs that won't benefit the tradesman. Try raising the permit fees by \$10 to get extra money so at least the cost will go to the customer.
Protect-Orr Alarm Services Ltd.	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	Sign me up
Training provider	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I recognize that in the grand scheme of it \$100 is not going to break the bank, though this is not doing anything for me. My wallet card is just fine. If you are going to offer something of value I can appreciate that, such as include the update that would be understandable. Please don't charge me for your tracking issues.
Explite Technologies Ltd	Reasonable / Supportive	As an owner and a FSR holder, I have no problems paying to keep up to date knowledge of tools that I'm using every day.
Coldstream Electric	Unreasonable / Supportive	I think it is [expletive deleted]. In every department in life there are more and more fees for everything and new jobs created at the expense of the end user. Before you know it no one is going to want to be a contractor and the general public will find it hard to find a contractor. I believe with more and more fees governing bodies in everything are going to drive the economy underground.
Electrician	Neutral / Strongly opposed	Why would I keep having to pay for my FSR every 3 years when I already have to buy the code book already every 3 years. Some of us are so busy working and don't have time to deal with these things. I'm opposed to it.

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Eastvan Electric	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>This is another example of a bureaucratic organization that does not know how to justify having so much staff on payroll and not having enough work for them to do.</p> <p>So they come up with new ideas to grab more more money through fees increases or another renewal fee that serves no purpose . Has there been a public complaint on the present system?</p> <p>I notice that the respondent University of British Columbia supports the renewal fee. What they should implement is a similar system where anyone who graduates from UBC has to reapply every 3 years to validate their degrees and pay the \$100 fee. And take a mandatory update course!!!!</p> <p>I wonder how long will this idea last at the UBC Board.</p>
Pacific Integrated Contractors	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>I'll pay for updating educational requirements. Not just a fee! You should require so many Continuing Ed credits per 3 year term to renew. Keep on on the code and other things pertains no to the industry.</p>
Multi Phase Solutions Inc.	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>The Purpose of the Fees is a definite cash grab as much as it is a make work project. The only thing you get is a \$100 wallet card. There is no need for a wallet card anymore, BCSA should have a record of FSRs in their system and a note of the last time they had a code course. This would allow them to maintain a record of current FSRs in their system. This in no way should cost \$100.</p> <p>I do agree that all FSRs should take a code course every time the code book comes out. This is often a cost upon the FSR already, that can discourage or prioritize less keeping current code knowledge and safe working practices. Adding to the costs will result in less FSRs interested in maintaining their FSR Certificate. This will result in less Field Safety Representatives, with current knowledge or not, in the field keeping electrical work safe.</p>
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>There are enough fees in everyday life already, we do not need any more. Find your extra revenues somewhere else</p>
Tradesperson	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>Those that already have the FSR should exempt from having to participate in this recertification scheme. \$100 now-so what happens in the future when BCSA arbitrarily decides to raise rates? I think this is unfair and I think its a lousy deal from The BCSA in my opinion behaving like a typical Provincial Crown Corporation (think icbc). Except that the BCSA is not a PCC.</p>

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Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	(I Paid to write the FSR Exam and that's where it stops!) I know where to purchase a code book... I know how to read a code book.. When you go to a store to buy something, you give money in which you get something for it... What do I get for giving YOU \$100 ?? (Nothing). Look, refund me for all the money I spent on schooling and the costs to write all them EXAMS... Red seal, journeyman ticket, FSR exam. Who's job are you trying to secure? Not mine... Nothing but a [expletive deleted] government cash cow... We pay for an annual contractor license, right? We pay permit fees as well? Right?? If this goes through, I am going to encourage all customers to not take out a permit as I HAVE LIABILITY INSURANCE, NOT YOU....
Bridge Electric	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	Any new fees should be applied after the third year from obtaining an FSR. Not an arbitrary date. Example If I obtain my FSR in 2016 I need not renew until 2019.
Proactive Electrical Consultants Ltd.	Reasonable / Supportive	I have no issue paying the fee, I do not agree with having to re examine every 3 years
Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	TAX GRAB!!!
Canem Systems	Neutral / Neutral	I see no strong argument for why this should be implemented. The statement regarding other provinces and their renewal programs is an assumption that because something exists elsewhere, it is therefore good and should be implemented here. This is a fallacy. Further, in the itemised balance sheet of revenue and expenses, there is no detailed breakdown of costs whatsoever. It appears that all the revenue generated is equal to the total costs expended, so no matter how much money comes in you will spend it all? That is what this seems to imply. Provide a better argument and show how this will increase the safety and well being of people and property in BC, then you will have my support.
Electrician	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	This is an unreasonable fee. We had to pay to take a course to originally get the FSR and now have to pay more again. What is the reason for renewal anyways? All it means is you get a new card with a new date. It makes no sense. Just a money grab.
Electrician	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	You say that part of this \$100 is to keep accurate records of certificate holders. What a joke statement. Is it really that hard for you to maintain a record on a computer? This is like the college where I received my Red Seal calling me up and telling me they will delete my transcripts unless I give them \$100 every 3 years.
Electrician	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	There is no expiration date associated with my FSR, and therefore cannot be subject to renewal. Those who already have their FSR should not be required to renew. Moving forward this could be introduced with new representatives, but changing the structure of the system after the fact is not acceptable.

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[Not provided]	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I didn't need it for 35 years why do I need it now. [Additional comments related to Boilers and Pressure Vessels]
Generous Electric Ltd	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	It is my position that BC Safety is extremely out of control and the whole system needs to be reviewed by outside professionals. Data collection and increasing fees appears to be more important than safety.
Thompson Drilling Ltd	Somewhat reasonable / Supportive	How many licences do we need to operate in BC? Why can't this all be attached to our drivers' license? My wallet will not fit in my pocket. Should I buy a purse? I applied for the new 10 year passport. 10 years will go by quick.
City of Surrey	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I find it very frustrating that we are amongst the only trade that I am aware of that needs this additional FSR training to become contractors, entrepreneurs or maintain a current position as part of our legal contract. I have personally spent over \$1000 in further training to further my career and now I am feeling forced into paying for a "renewal fee" that has not been a part of this province for as long as I have maintained my FSR. Now to maintain my current position not only will I need to pay the 100\$ renewal fee but also pay to receive proof of an upgraded code course, which costs upwards of \$500+. If this was a trade standard across all trades I would not have that big of opposition to it. I can't help but feeling "picked on" for not even being that greatly compensated for our trade to begin with. We have inspections for a reason to catch the mistakes that we might make, and these are compensated through our permit fees. I cannot help but feel this is a cash grab that is only being forced upon us to continue with our trade that we all enjoy. I strongly disagree with your proposal and hope that you reconsider.
Electrician	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	I am in support of a 3 year renewal of the FSR certification. I am also a strong supporter of 'on going' education to go 'hand-in-hand' with this cycle. But, I'm strongly opposed to this fee being passed on to the worker. If a fee is necessary It should be paid by the Employer/Contractor's Business. Or, It could possibly be collected as a special assessment (percentage of) along with Electrical Permit fees.
The Bighthouse Electric Company Ltd.	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	Any time, any business can reduce paper work and costs, must be a good thing!
ProLoto Management Inc	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	Renewal fees are a good way to generate additional revenue I hope that the revenue goes to the inspectors and supporting staff. \$100 every three years is acceptable.

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Electrical Contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>I received my certification as an "C" contractor in 1974. I studied and then wrote for and received a "B" Contractor License and finally an unrestricted "A" Contractor License in 1977. I was told this certification was for life.</p> <p>Since then we changed the contractor requirements to include bonding then to include FSRs and now you want to recertify every three years?</p> <p>If I am bad contractor, or I do not know what I am doing, or if I do not keep up with changing code requirements, I will not be in business for very long.</p> <p>Who says I need to be recertified? How do they know this?</p> <p>This is just a new way to collect money. There is nothing I get for my money other than what I am already paying for and what I have already paid for in the past.</p>
Certainteed Gypsum/ Ballard Electric	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I don't believe there should be a fee to remain an FSR. Just as a journeyman gets his qualification or an engineer attains there "P" status. That is the level of training and qualification he/she will have for life with no renewal fee.
Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Why does the FSR certificate need to be renewed in the first place, maybe later the TQ and IP will also need to be renewed. Whats the difference?
G.Reddy & Sons	Neutral / Neutral	As an "elderly electrician" (one of the BCSA staffer's comments to my face) I have to say I hope this isn't going to be another cash grab. Lets be real, you are going to do it no matter what we say so why not provide some value for the money. Give us tech-talks that aren't just about how we all should tow the line but real trade talk, unite the trade, be a positive force. That would be so cool!
Capilano Electric Ltd.	Reasonable / Supportive	I am assuming these renewals will take place to coincide with changes in the C.E.C. regulations every 3 years for some insurance that F.S.R.s are taking a code refresher course, as I do, with the adoption of code changes.
Tradesperson	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	This is a unreasonable cost to a already taxed system. As a multi trades certified individual this is another hit directly on the pocket book. Not impressed.
Quality Electric Contracting	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	I think it is an excellent idea , once every three years makes life easiy for every one , at my age I hope to be able to renew after the three years . Keep up the good job . many thanks for keeping us safe .
ARC-TECH Services Inc.	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I think that BCSA should fund this FSR renewal with an increase to the permit fees instead; this way the fees are spread out and is more fair for the smaller vs. the larger contractors. Instead I would like to see that the FSR renewal is contingent on taking a code course every 3 years; I'd much rather put my money towards doing that. This way, it ensures that all FSR's are current with the code.

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Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Unsure	If there is not enough funding to maintain the current status quo with BC Safety, please just say so instead of the addition of another fee. With the yearly contractor renewal fees, the bonding insurance, the cost of the CEC book and amendments, the cost of the permits...(have I missed anything?) we are being overrun with fees just to operate, in some cases, a one man business. I appreciate the need for regulation and accountability and understand that this doesn't come cheap, but over regulation will lead to "underground" electrical work and no one needs that.
Electrician	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I feel it is a cash grab. Ticket or no ticket. Fsr or no fsr. I have seen good and horrible work. I stay current with the code because that is what someone who is good at their trade should do. I don't need to renew a course that many others have taken that do poor work and make the same or more money than me. Nothing about this course made me better at my trade so redoing it every 3 years seems redundant.
Field Safety Representative	Somewhat unreasonable / Neutral	There is no educational aspect to this renewal. If there is value for money then it will be worthwhile
Electrician	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	I pay for a contractors licence every year and bond. I am an electrician with a fsr for myself. That means I have to pay an additional \$100. to stay in the program.....I have to see what happens.....feels like another bill that I really do not want to pay to keep current.
Direct Access Systems Inc.	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	The legitimate FSR's and their ability to keep current is not the big problem. It's the individuals purporting to be FSR's that are not qualified. This proposed move will not raise the standards of workmanship in the field. In my estimation fining the FSR's that repeatedly have fails, or safety related issues is where BCSCA needs to look. I would love to just add fees unabated to my customers but I can't, nor should BCSCA. Again testing conforming FSR's won't build compliance.
Osprey Electric	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	This is another cash grab but the safety Authority. You guys need to stick to being keeping our standards up, not creating new ways to take money from contractors. Honestly the permits fees are through the roof already. And don't tell us it's better than the rest of the country. We have countless people who come from Alberta who are shocked with our system here. What you do have going for you are your inspectors. They're great, in fact the reason they are so great is because they feel sorry that contractors have to deal with the bureaucracy behind them and they try to make up for it with good service, I'm not kidding. Also...charging for tech talks is unbelievably greedy.
Danvia Electric Ltd	Reasonable / Supportive	The fees are reasonable and save our time to go every year and pay.

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Field Safety Representative	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	The FSR program already involves a fee to complete the course and there is no renewal currently required therefore there is no expenses incurred upon the BC Safety Authority to continue this correct? As an Alberta Electrical Master as well as a Class A FSR I can say that is you did not require a renewal there would be very little expense incurred upon the BC Safety Authority and your regular permit fees would more than cover this expense.
Partap	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Electrical business is going to be very hard too much competition city fees and permits fees ,renewals of business licenses and now FSR renewal fee
Elle Electric	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I find this to be punitive towards small one person shops. Not only do I have to pay for all my insurances, my bond and lisencing fees for each municipality I find work in. As far as I am concerned it's just another draw on what little income I make leading towards folding and working without all appropriate requirements or just closing shop.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Not another money grab.
[Not provided]	Reasonable / Supportive	The wallet card provided is of poor quality and needs considerable improvement. I would support higher fees in exchange for this improvement.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Already on the list. Already get updates. Charging for this all of a sudden is a cash grab.
BNB Electric	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	more fees , more paper work , more time wasted , stop this madness who comes up with this stuff ? I would like some to talk to that person .
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	The \$100 fee is not fair for FSR new wallet card. It is just for BCSA to get more money from working people to support bureaucratic. New Code update is good for FSRs. But \$100 fee for administration is ridiculous. Contractors licence fee and permit fee are increased every year already, BCSA should find more reasonable excuse to grab our hard earned money.
Field Safety Representative	Somewhat unreasonable / Neutral	This is just a money grab unless we get something else for \$100. I think for the \$100 dollar fee, they could provide an small course to update the FSR's on any code changes. This could be done online. This could also take place, once every 3 years. If they do that I think the \$100 would be worth it.

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Titan Electric Ltd.	Neutral / Opposed	The cost to do any electrical is constantly rising with material costs and operating costs. You want to implement this at a rate of \$100.00 (\$100.00 for someone to print a licence and mail it?) but then it will increase as everything does. As far as you wanting to ensure FSR's are up to date...how are you going to do that? We have taken the exam, passed the test, and now will pay every three years.....I hope our FSR licences aren't under review every three years? It would make sense if you gave us information on new codes or had an online course to take every time(which nobody can fail much like the BC Hockey online courses) so we are all informed and up to date without our licences at risk.
Belltech Electric	Somewhat reasonable / Neutral	For individuals whom recently have complete the course criteria and examination, it would be fair to waive the renewal fee until a 3 year period has passed.
Stordor Investment	Neutral / Opposed	I would rather see some sort of mandatory training instead of just a fee.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I'm opposed to the change however If you include an 8 hour code course, that is mandatory, within the \$100 fee we would actually be purchasing something. Otherwise you're asking people to subsidize BCSA payroll.
Tekwest Electrical	Somewhat unreasonable / Strongly opposed	The fee should be apply to FSR which are employed by a Business, not to the FSR of a Sole proprietorship. The Sole proprietorship does all the roles in the Business, owner, FSR, worker, and etc. An example of this is the Security Business Licence Fee is payed for Sole proprietorship but the security Worker fee is not payed by a Sole proprietorship business.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I believe this should not be put to the FSR person . We as trades people are maintaining a safety standard for all people . This fee should not apply to us . It should be passed on to the permit fees !! We up hold safety and should not be required to pay for this !
Field Safety Representative	Somewhat unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Active FSRs have already achieved certification. There should be no new requirement for renewal. Contractor licence renewal should be adequate.
Electrical contractor	Reasonable / Supportive	I like the 3 year period, it should not be a yearly occurrence.
Cobalt Electronic Systems	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	For class 2 work only, I do not see the need for another fee. In the security industry, we already pay for municipal/city business licenses, electrical safety bond, electrical contractor license, BC security alarm business license, BC security alarm employee license (if not self employed), BC security alarm insurance. I can understand the need to confirm that higher voltage electrical contractors are up to date on code changes, but to charge class 2 only contractors the same fee is just a money grab.
Field Safety Representative	Neutral / Neutral	I don't see the need for the fee, but if it is required once every 3 years would be better than paying annually

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Field Safety Representative	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	I am an FSR who is currently not using my designation, I plan on using it in the future but not right now. I want to keep my FSR active because I don't want to re-designate myself at a later date. I don't think it's fair to charge people that aren't using their designation.
Johnson Controls	Reasonable / Strongly opposed	Why is a FSR certifications up for renewal when other trade certifications are not. Are you saying that working tradesman with FSR certifications are lesser tradesman and charging 100.00 every 3 years will make them better qualified. Instead of sitting back collecting revenues from certified tradesman, why not fine uncertified trades persons and the COMPANIES they work for. Hundreds of job site around Victoria have uncertified trades persons performing electrical work on a daily basis, with NO consequence. You need to stop this, enforcement should be at the for front of what you do. I've talked to a lot of my fellow FSR certified tradesman about this, literally 100% of them have said they will simply let their certification expire. Going ahead with this 3 year payment plan will only make what should have been a great program a complete failure.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I have been working in the field for 40+ years & in that that time I have had no issues with inspectors or BC Safety or it's various incarnations. For that reason I do not see the need for this and can only agree with the sentiments others have expressed - that it is a nothing more than a cash grab and with all these types of taxes, this is only the beginning. The fees will grow and most likely quite quickly. I see no value in it. Obviously, after 40 years this not likely to have much impact on me in my coming retirement.
Sparky's Electrical	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	JUST ANOTHER MONEY GRAB WITH NO INCREASE IN SERVICE. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	more red tape nothing but a money grab!!!
Field Safety Representative	Neutral / Neutral	If periodic training required, please offer online training sessions.

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Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	You have not provided any plausible reasoning why we as FSR should have to pay to renew. I had to pay throughout my [career] hundreds/thousands of dollars to become Journeyman electrician then hundreds/thousands (over my career) more for code course updates then hundreds more wright the FSR exam, now you're asking for unexplained reason you'd like more money? And by the way your FSR you worked so long and hard to obtain will now expire if you don't pay for continuing rectification and more training. I do all this to take the responsibilities of electrical work being performed away from BCSA, employers, and unqualified electrical work being performed throughout the province and putting it on qualified individuals who have to pay? If the BCSA is seriously talking about safety and accountability in electrical profession and not just a money grab then all training and recertification should have already been included in the fees I've already paid. Strong no to charging more money.
Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Opposed	Cash grab! We already pay license renewal fees. Permit prices continue to rise. If you want FSRs to do continuing education, make that a requirement for FSRs (which we will pay for as well). A renewal fee every three years does nothing to achieve this.
Nichol Electric 2008 Ltd.	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I was under the impression that the inspectors on the job would know if the FSR was doing his job and if not would report to the BCSA. I've been an FSR since 1979 and have had no problems I can see no need to change things now.
Electrical contractor	Neutral / Opposed	I am an Low-Energy Contractor. This is a classification that does NOT apply anyway where else in the world today. A BC specfic designation for voltage so low that other areas do not even call it electricity. I am unsure why I had to take and pass an examine in the first place and what are you going to do to specifically address OUR needs (LE Class) and education or just lump us back in with all the others and take a large amount of hassle for an area we'll be part of. We do NOT use more that 48 volts DC for anything other than plugging in a transformer as we usually use a real electrician for the wire-in type. I have no problem with the FSR classification for LE Class ---BUT let's make it relevant to what we really do and not just lump us in with all the "Electrical Contractors"
M.K. Solutions	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Hell NO! I earned the certificate! I do believe that it is important for FSR's to keep up to date on code changes, but certificate renewal is nothing more than a cash grab!

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Electrical contractor	Somewhat unreasonable / Neutral	This seems a little ridiculous to me. In my mind, with this new renewal fee and wallet card you are trying to make sure that the FSR's are up to date in current code rules/changes etc. and that is it. What you should be doing is just incorporating this fee into the 8Hrs of periodic training needed to maintain the FSR certificate. This should also be just a side note for those of us who have a contractors licence as well. So when we renew the contractors licence online it states whether or not you require the updated training.
Tradesperson	Unreasonable / Opposed	This fee addition appears to be arbitrary and isn't any less unreasonable being 1/3 the cost of other renewal fees. How has it been possible to administer this system adequately in the past, but only now additional recurring fees are needed?
Electrician	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I strongly disagree implementing a 100\$ renewal fee, The electrical code course 535\$ and the FSR exam costs are more than enough to cover the costs. Please don't implement this fee
Infinite Systems	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	What's in this for me? Why not every 4 years like the Code? How is this not a naked cash grab? I could get behind a process that included some form of competency verification.
Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	no what are you trying to do with additional input how many new staff
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	BC safety Authority does not provide any classes for training to their already qualified FSRs as they should be trained and should be made familiar with the new code every time it changes .They have to study of their own at their own expenses to make them selves familiar with the new code when it changes so NO TRAINING OF NEW CODE NO FEE FOR TICKET RENEWAL.  Second thing is that BC safety Ticket card paper is perishable if someone do not laminate it when he puts in pocket in summer season all the printed material is lost no certificate number becomes in readable it should be at least like a credit card or bank card so that it have some pocket or valet life.If you can provide free training about the new code when it changes and made the good card like credit card or like I.T.A red seal card the you are justified about the renewal fee and the fee should be also decreased as much as you can I leave it on you This was my request and suggestion if you like it you can follow or otherwise you can ignore its up to you how you think about.
Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Just another money grab.

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Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Another money grab of course, a fee every 3 years doesn't make you any more qualified than the day before. nor does missing the renewal date erase your memory and knowledge. maybe we all should renew our high school diplomas while we are at it. Are trade tickets next?Oops, I just gave someone an idea didnt I. No more fees that prove nothing.
Tradesperson	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Another hidden tax on working people. As a person of multiple trades there seems to be no end for hidden cash fees that have absolutely no benefit for those already qualified.
Mt. Seymour Resort	Neutral / Opposed	I agree that FSR's should have to take a code refresher course when the new code book comes out. So how about every three years that line up with the new codebook release, the Safety Authority gives an 8 hour code refresher course for FSR's, that costs \$100. Then the FSR gets something out of it. To have an FSR pay \$33.33 a year so that The Safety Authority can keep a number that identifies that they passed a test, on file, on a computer hard drive, somewhere, that really costs nothing, perhaps the cost of an admin workers time to check that the address is up to date....seems unfair. Add value or it seems like a cash grab. I have had my FSR for 7 years and have never had a call from the Safety Authority regarding my address, in fact I changed my address with them a while ago and they screwed it up. The FSR program should be about making sure the individuals that represent the program in the world have the up to date code knowledge in their head. Paying \$100 every three years around my birthday does not ensure the most recent code amendments are at very least exposed to me for a min of 8 hours, it just seems like a cash grab.
Tradesperson	Unreasonable / Opposed	Additional certificates and qualifications such as FSR should be tagged to your personal primary TQ. Enough of the chest beating kingdoms and bureaucracy! Whether your an electrician, gas fitter or a power engineer you will have a primary TQ with all the fancy wall certificates. Throughout your career you will pay for and do additional training. All these additional credentials should be tagged onto your primary TQ. A simple letter designation added to you TQ number would be all that would be needed. If you need another wallet card you would have to pay for one. Contractors and employees pay enough fees. I can't imagine Administration costs rising from this. How about rethinking how to cut or amalgamate your costs.
Chevron Canada	Reasonable / Supportive	I do believe some level of responsibility for maintaining your FSR status is needed. I know of electricians who received the FSR status many years ago who have not maintained their skill at applying the CEC.
Lathams Mechanical	Unreasonable / Opposed	This is just another tax. Why not include this fee in the permit, if needed? As a trades person, continuing education could be covered with online courses, also covered from permit fees.

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Training providers	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Should also include mandatory code update training costs, otherwise there is no benefit to the FSR - just a penalty they now have to pay for something they have already earned and paid for.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly Opposed	another cash grab
ZZZAP Electric	Neutral / Strongly opposed	Do you get FREE code books ? If not \$100 to be what I already am ? I already paid, Long time ago.
Thomis Electric	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I dont need the BC safety authority to ensure that im up to date with current code requirements. I take me profession seriously and do this on my own accord.
Andrew Haig Electric	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	Strongly supportive.
Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	How much money have you already wasted on this money grab?This is a stupid idea and stop wasting the fees i already pay !
Royal Dutch Shell	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	let me know how and when I have to pay please. I am currently working over seas and have limited access to and from Canada for the next while.
Tradesperson	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>As a tradesperson with multiple certificates I believe I've already paid enough to obtain the qualifications that I've got and shouldn't have to pay to maintain this or any other further cost.</p> <p>Whether a person remains fit or current with respect to any earned qualification shouldn't depend on their willingness or ability to pay continually.</p> <p>I think the BCSCA should respect the investment made by people in acquiring these qualifications and get rid all the currently existing renewal fees pertaining to qualifications. It looks as though I'll be paying to maintain my power engineer, refrigeration, and gas certification before long or loose those qualifications altogether.</p> <p>I'm nearing retirement or semi-retirement and don't want to pay for something I've already earned. I think I deserve the option to utilize my training or park it when circumstances suit me.</p> <p>BCSCA should collect their money where they're providing services and get out of the practice of collecting money in this manner.</p> <p>I've already paid BCSCA a lot of money, personally invested thousands of dollars and thousands of hours to attain my various qualifications and it bothers me that unless I continue to pay BCSCA newly invented fees I'll be the equivalent technical qualification of labourer.</p>

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Electrical contractor	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	What am I getting for the \$100?
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	This is completely ridiculous of a charge. But even so, forget the charge part. A renewal is completely ridiculous. The CEC updates periodically, and it takes all of 15 minutes to read and understand the rule changes update in the book. So what does the BCSA expect us FSR's to do with the other 7 hours and 45 minutes of class time that we will have to PAY FOR?!?! Why doesn't the BCSA pay for these costs? Better question, why isn't the BCSA taking the needed responsibility for the subject matter of these training updates? Oh wait, no, it's for better to help BCIT line their pockets with overpriced classes that are MANDATORY right BCSA? It's bad beurocracy at its finest. The BCSA had better make it public AND open on how us contractors can self regulated our own industry upgrades so we don't have to pay thousands per renewals.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Just a money grab from the BCSA.
Chemtrade	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	This is a cash grab ! It's disgusting . Next you'll be wanting cash to renew a Redseal TQ. Totally opposed to this .
Daikin Applied	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	This is just a cash grab. Can you clarify if I need to take a test every 3 yr or is it a renewal like gas b tq. I renewed my gas b tq, whcih has gone up unreasonably in my opinion. Especially when you office in coquitlam is now closed. This all sounds like a cash grab for mismanaging funds.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	ICBC, BC Ferries ,Now Safety Authority . who else wants in our pockets? And who gives a flying F--- what Alb. or Ont. are charged! How does handing over 100\$ help an FSR? , Oh Ya we get a shiny new wallet card .where will the money go? Sincerely [upset] with suits & ties
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	FSR training could be verified during renewal of the operating permit or contractor license and fees could be covered within. It seems pointless to have one more thing to renew and pay for.
Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Total cash grab! I agree that if funds are needed they should come from other sources such as permits which essentially is paid for by the consumer. The contractors already have enough fees and licenses, no reason to add another one.

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Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>Absurd, the Safety Authority already has these records, this is what we pay for when we become FSRs. Contractors only really need 1 FSR and persons such as my self will not see the need to renew as it makes no difference as an employee, thus lowering the standards of electrical qualifications.</p> <p>If a renewal program is decided, so should be the relevant knowledge of the code and thus code courses should also be mandatory for FSRs with a renewal, however the code does not change significantly enough every 3 years for such a purpose. Every 6 years, or every other code release is reasonable.</p>
CDI College	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	Will you provide the training? I do not want to have to pay anymore than is necessary.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	as i recently just spent \$1000 to get my FSR in 2017/i would rather not have to pay another \$100 to keep it current until 2021
Tradesperson	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	As an employee whom works solely on service not new installations I naturally strongly oppose this fee. I just received my fsr one year ago and now have to pay again this year on December 22? The fsr is what allows me to use a multimeter in the field and even at \$100 for the first year and every three years afterwards, adds up to thousands of dollars over my career. Only fully licensed electricians are ever permitted by customers to install the electrical on equipment. If we are to pay to maintain our ticket we should have the opportunity to have the hours we work transfer over to the required hours for a full apprenticeship and TQ in electrical.
Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>The fee is stated to only offset administration costs. In other words: if you did not charge the fee, there would be no costs. Very badly presented.</p> <p>As a contractor/owner, my contractor renewal fee should cover my FSR registration, as for me its one and the same.</p>

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Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>Fees charged to ensure continued education are simply another fee. Other industries require continued education and so offer ineffective short courses that basically are just notches in the hour logbook and do nothing to advance the education of the person. The fees we already pay (inspection fees, contactors renewals, etc) should be enough. This is simply another another fee to pay for a bloated administration.</p> <p>BCSA should offer up a code course every year at EVERY OFFICE (of which I had to pay for) to ensure that FSR's are upto date, log this in as a note on their file that they have taken a course at least every three years to keep relevant on the current code, and that is enough. Advise the FSR if they require an update. This is easily automated and does not require any administration or cost.</p> <p>BCSA needs to get back to inspecting BCSA needs to get back to a NOT FOR PROFIT program and reduce the massive administration side of things that is the root of all the so called REQUIRED FEE INCREASES!</p>
Dragon Fire Electrical Group	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	I am both a contractor and an FSR. I am happy to see these changes.
Tradesperson	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>Dress it up any way you want this is new revenue plain and simple in the form of a tax, shame on you! we are taxed enough now we pay more to earn a living. there are always workers who are unqualified that work outside the system and won't pay any fees or draw permits...now you are going to increase those numbers.</p> <p>And by the way the wallet cards are of such poor quality and disintegrate after one or two years in a wallet how about providing a card that will last</p>
Manager and FSR	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	Regardless of other jurisdictions, why is the fee so high when the cost of a driver's license in BC is less and it is valid for 5 years?
Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>if there is no exam after mandatory fsr course (every 3 years as proposed) what is the point of collecting money ? if industry safety is concern then exam should be mandatory for FSR every 3 years. if this new rule is not about safety then why I pay money ?</p>
Electrician	Unreasonable / Opposed	Money grab
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	totally unnecessary fees for something not wanted or needed any changes should be made under the contractor license not the fsr

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TMSI TELEPHONY MANAGED SOLUTIONS	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	Yes i do have a question. I do not see where you have explained WHY you are doing this extra level of red tape? What's broken? What's not working currently? What issues have occurred that cannot be corrected otherwise? Does this have to do with the switch to a more socialist govt?
Technologist at Houle Electric	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	First of all, if there are no new guideline then there should not be any renewal. But if it is absolutely mandatory, renewal time should be 10 Years @ \$10/Year. \$100 for 3 years is bit aggressive.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	As a red sealed journeyman electrician, I have these credentials for life. I paid my dues and wrote the exams and passed, end of story. Why is FSR different? You are already charging an annual fee, plus a bond is required. Now you want to jab us for another fee, while the responsibilities are being put more and more on the contractors, and all the while receiving less and less from the Safety Authority.
Antalus Consulting Ltd	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	I hope there will be the changes from the administration side as well after the imposing of fee increased, i.e., (i) better client representative qualification and knowledge to serve the clients, (ii) better online services instruction and more user friendly services and as well as (iii) improving waiting period of any kind application process.
Beaumont Electric	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	We already pay annually for our contractor's license and bonding fees. This is a cash grab. I thought our FSR certification was supposed to be for life.
Tradesperson	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Seems like an unnecessary financial burden to force more money out of pockets when those pockets are already shallow to begin with. Not every FSR guarantees a high income, especially as someone who has to budget carefully month to month to live and work in a very expensive city (Vancouver). There are already several costs involved with maintaining this trade: tools, codebooks, training, secondary licenses... it is becoming less profitable for the individual. That is worth considering if you wish to leave any motivation for future tradespeople looking to get an FSR. I am all for safety, but at what price will it burden the individual, especially when it doesn't even involve an exam?
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Looks like a money grab. We've gone this long without a fee. What has changed?
Dave West Electric	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	It appears you are offering a new wallet card for \$100. I don't need or want a wallet card. It looks like you are collecting \$100 to cover the costs of collecting the \$100. Stupid!
Tradesperson	Neutral / Neutral	I am on the fence. I am concerned as to where the fees are going, and what these fees are actually going to do.

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Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Totally unreasonable for a certificate that I have earned through hard work. What am I getting for the \$100 fee? (A new wallet card??) Doesn't cost that much to send me a new card! If the cost was to include new code book change training then it may be worthwhile.
Small Contractor owner	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	Seems like a good approach.
Electrical contractor	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	You created something that you now come to us for another \$100. This seems to be yet another example of death by 1000 cuts, disguised taxation. Used to be able to contact inspectors and discuss issues. Now your lucky if your get a call back in 2 weeks.
Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I have been in this trade for 40 years. Used to be you had to be an electrician first before you could be a contractor. Perhaps not a bad way way to do it as the "FSR" fees could be part of your contractor renewal thereby lessening the administration fees
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I am strongly opposed to the fees. In the Cariboo and Northern BC the BCSCA doesn't provide the level of information and support that warrants a fee. The lower mainland has lots of learning sessions where we are told there will be sessions and then they never happen. For the last two codes there have been the usual code change sessions and then this year we were told that there would be a learning session for the updated to the hazardous locations section and to date there has been nothing. Why should we pay for something when the BC Safety Authority can't even follow through with their own agenda. If they are having learning sessions in our area they are not communicating to the FSR's who are registered with the website. If we are to pay a fee we should be getting something of value from this besides the BCSCA saying that " For employers, these changes provide the assurance that FSRs have current certificates and are knowledgeable and up-to-date" In the end it is the employers who will be paying the fees.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I think the code refresher for renewal is a good idea, however this fee is just another money grabber.
XVan Electric Inc.	Unreasonable / opposed	I agree with some of the other comments. What University Degree must be renewed every three years with a fee. Continued learning is part of the "Journeyman" process, and always has been (Lets talk about updating information in a way that works). Why can't there be code WEB based coarse's that actually fir into a busy contractors life. I don't argue you need to know who is current and practicing in the trade, but why charge the ones that are to find the ones that aren't. Can't you simply ask all the registered contractors to supply a complete list of their FSR's and create a searchable spreadsheet and accomplish the same thing?

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Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	The funding of the operation of the safety authority should come from permits being pulled by end user. We are required to have these to do our job and not remunerated. I might not even have the classification that warrants me to the job at hand. I might have the FSR and and just be a non designated guy, being just one of many guys. Now I have to pay because I might need it in the future
Electrician	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>Every year the fees for permits and FSR training keep going up and up. You say its only 1/3 the cost of other provinces, but in three years it will most likely be the same or more than other provinces.</p> <p>Will employers cover the cost of keeping the FSR up to date or will it come out of employees pocket? We all ready have to keep up to date on are on time and money.</p> <p>I do not think that the BC Safety Authority provides good value to its paying members for all the revenue it generates and this will just be another burden on people and just lead to more unpermitted work being done in this province.</p>
Field Safety Representative	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	I am an FSR class A and have been for many years. I have read through many of the previous comments and agree that if all we are getting for the \$100 3 year renewal fee is a wallet card than it is nothing more than a money grab. I would be okay with the fee if a course that highlighted changes to the electrical code was offered for free. This course could be offered either online or in classroom that each FSR would need to take at some point every 3 years to be able to qualify for renewal. I am proud to be an electrician and if this would help to maintain a high standard in our trade than I would be all for it!

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Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>I cannot support this fee without guarantee of the required training being provided without fee by BCSA.</p> <p>I am assuming the electrical FSR renewal will coincide with electrical code updates, which are now on a 3-year cycle. Code update training is essential and must be provided by BCSA. This training should extend some incentive to the FSR, not a fee or tax or ticket price. Presenting this new fee without even a demonstration of intent to improve safety is misguided.</p> <p>The last code training sessions (2015) had significant fees attached which discourages participation. Tech talks have all but disappeared in the meantime. This new FSR fee further discourages participation and helps drive more regulated work "underground".</p> <p>I am seeing BCSA inspectors less often and am encountering unlicensed contractors/workers more often. Does charging extra fees to those of us who are legitimate help this situation? No. Will my customers be happy that my services will now cost even more under this new fee? No.</p> <p>Will more regulated work be forced underground by increased fees? Yes. Will safety of the public be compromised? Yes. Will BCSA be better able to support its unionized workforce...?</p> <p>This is an opportunity for you, the BCSA to avoid a blunder. The comments so far are pretty clearly opposed in the majority. If you ram this fee through despite the feedback, that would be a mistake. It is counter-productive to the mandate of the BCSA. If you really do need more money, you'll have to come up with real financials - not the fake 1-pager referred to in the preamble. You will also need to demonstrate an actual intended improvement in operations and safety, and an accountability measure in this regard.</p> <p>The BCSA is only relevant if the contractors support it. Don't alienate us any further with additional fees or disproportionate increases. We as contractors want the BCSA to function properly and I'm sure the BCSA wants our respect. We should be allies, not enemies.</p>

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Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Opposed	<p>How does a renewal fee ensure that FSRs have up to date code knowledge? What does holding an FSR certificate have to do with "Indirect expenses" such as, "rent, support function costs, and vehicle amortization"? If a fee is to be adopted, it should come after the latest code book is adopted and training should be provided for such a fee; if this is not the case, this proposal does not meet your stated criteria of "ensur(ing that) FSRs have up-to-date information about code and regulatory changes" or ensuring employers that "FSRs have current certificates and are knowledgeable and up-to-date" and it instead appears as a cash grab in a pool of existing fees.</p> <p>BCSA has yet to clearly outline and justify the cost of a \$100 fee every three years. Either this is to cover costs to keep FSRs up to date on the latest code book changes or this is simply a fee to pay for the process of a newly created fee. Until the BCSA justifies the cost and clarifies its use, one must remain opposed to this proposal.</p>
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>As an FSR Red Seal electrician with 33 years experience I've seen a few ill conceived ideas put forth by the provincial governments electrical safety branch. This one is just a cash grab. I've passed the required exams, taken extra courses including code updates, purchased new code books etc..Why do I have to pay \$100 for a wallet card? Are any other trades faced with a reoccurring fee and extra code courses to keep their qualifications? If you work in the trade and stay up to date with code changes then there is no reason for this. I am strongly opposed to this. Any admin costs should be paid for with the permit system in place now.</p>
Field Safety Representative	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	<p>I see the proposal for a fee structure to premature before the process is developed.  Who will approve what is an approved educational course?  Who will monitor costs for courses to make sure FSRs are not paying excessive fees for training?  How will an FSR register that he or she has taken the courses?  How will FSRs in remote areas get training?</p>

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Tradesperson	Somewhat reasonable / Supportive	<p>There is a problem separating the discussion to fees without including services. We all pay a lot of fees and taxes. How do FSRs get their education credits? at what cost? who gets paid for the training?</p> <p>Does the \$100 get entry to a code update course every 3 years that also give credits toward the requirement? After that, what other training is required? is it available and what is the cost of that? I see a thousand dollars every 3 years if I have to attend some pricy training above fees. My employer might have to pay for it and I might take time from work to attend. It gets pretty expensive. The fee must have a performance requirement or the whole renewal thing is a farce so it is going to cost. I do believe FSRs must have some development standards and many industries have them as well as many professions. We are supposed to be the inspector in the system so I agree that professional development is essential to our designation. the last point I might make is the first renewal should be 2021 or 3 years after the implementation of the program. there must be cheap and accessible FSR training programs.</p>
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>According to my calculations, if you group the opposed and unreasonable respondents so far, they represent over 50%. The rest are somewhat, neutral, or supportive, but not congealed as a block view. If you've had an FSR for 25 years with none or even under 2 or 3 inspections that havent passed, that should stand for something. We keep up with changes because our reputation is at stake. Up the permits, thats where the money is, and let us keep our jobs.</p>
Kenergy Installations	Unreasonable / Opposed	<p>I'm 60 years old and I've seen the same sort of cash grab in almost all other aspects of life. Right now it's a three year \$100 fee (not including costs of attending code update courses; and/or rewriting the FSR exam each time), but it WILL soon turn into a yearly fee and maybe even multiple fees for qualifying at different levels. I pay enough fees already regarding my business, which includes maintaining certifications, many of which were "one-time fees" when I originally qualified for them. I get nothing back from them, either, in terms of training or support.</p>
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>This is not a value added proposition. All FSRs will receive from this is a \$100 wallet card while adding ambiguous bureaucratic administrative jobs to the BCSA. At the same time homeowners can still wire their own homes. I don't think our regulated trade needs any more regulation over the fsrcs who are already doing a great job. This does nothing to enhance safety or quality of workmanship. BCSA should squash this cash grab and focus their efforts on enforcement where companies are doing subpar work and are using unqualified individuals to do regulated work. Totally disgusted that this has come out especially since there was no fee prior. People who have an FSR already should be grandfathered. We signed up for this under the premise that we had a permanent qualification.</p>

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WCCII	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	The requirement for any FSR is to follow the Act and Regulations and the adopted code. The requirement of the regulator is to enforce the Act , Regulation and Adopted Code. Through training the FSR will maintain current knowledge of any changes within these. It is not the mandate of the BCSA to provide training however, it is within their mandate to provide Education. Therefore, if it can be shown the FSR will obtain more Education by keeping his/her FSR status current then the fee should be charged. If however, the education for maintaining his/her FSR status has to be derived from a third party educator than the fee cannot be charged in the form of this apparent tax levy. As been stated by the BCSA the code courses will follow. These code courses will be given by who? An independent at arms length educator? The code is the property of CSA. That is why the BCSA cannot offer training on the code however, can educated us that it exist. So, why charge us for something you're not providing?
A-1 Heating & A/C	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	As a contractor in electric, gas and refrigeration this is a money grab. When the only way to get them to inspect any of our work is to get a lawyer to sue them, it is time BCSA is disbanded. we are paying for permits for no reason. Inspections should be 100%
Electrician	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	Just to confirm that tighter control and monitoring is needed.
Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	All I see is more fees,taxes,levies,surcharges etc. On that note alone, I don't support another fee.
M. Dickey & Sons Ltd.	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	The BC Safety Authority has become top heavy money consuming machine. It may be time for contractors to get together and form an opposition so that they have a say in their industry and a means to put a leash on the dog. We have individuals that do not actually work in the trade setting policy, introducing changes for the sake of change, and increasing fees and costs. Also we need to decide when code is changed and for the right reason (not to cater to manufacturers or the US standards). It is time to form an association. The game only exists if we play along. Let's turn the board upside down and make the game work for those who are financial invested and depend on the trade for their livelihood. The [BCSA] and others (like [other regulators]) exist off of our sweat. They do not generator or drive the economy.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I am in agreement with others that say it is just another of a long list of tax grabs that will no doubt increase after its implementation. We seem to be charged for administration of something that should be covered by our contractor's licence and permit fees.

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Summit Electric Ltd	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	<p>I strongly oppose the implementation of having to renew my FSR license and paying a fee to do so. This is nothing but another money grab by a company that already over charges for the services they offer. This does nothing to enhance safety or quality of workmanship and there is absolutely no benefit to FSR's or the public if this fee is implemented. To me this is a way to increase revenue with no actual benefit to FSR's or the public. I have been in the electrical industry for over 45 years and have witnessed the fees going up and up and the service becoming less and less. In any private business, this would have resulted in loss of customers and eventual closing of the company. The FSR renewal is unnecessary. It will do nothing to prove that any representative has or will keep updated on the ever-changing electrical industry code changes. When customers ask what they get for their permit fee, I tell them that they do not receive any benefit. On commercial and residential jobs, I am seeing BCSA inspectors less often and am encountering unlicensed contractors/workers more often. This extra fee will do nothing to combat this problem for those of us who are legitimate nor will it improve the safety of the end user. This is another example of a bureaucratic organization that does not know how to justify having an excessive amount of staff on payroll and not having enough work for them to do, so they come up with new ideas to grab more money through fees increases or another renewal fee that serves no purpose. The BC Safety Authority is a top-heavy operation who I understand are hiring at least 20 more management and administration staff. You should be cutting overhead not increasing it. We would benefit from more qualified inspectors and far less management. We already pay annually for our contractor's license and bonding fees and our FSR certification was supposed to be for life. When the FSR program came into existence we were told it was a certificate for life. I support continued education to be sure that FSR's stay current with new code rules. I would even support mandatory attendance for a preset number of hours. However, a renewal fee is another cash grab, while the upper management continues to spend excessive amounts on unnecessary expenses; like \$50,000 for upgrades to a lunch room in a building that BC Safety will be moving out of.</p>

Electrician

Unreasonable /  
Strongly opposed

I have had my FSR class B certification since July 2007. In this time I have taken it on myself to keep updated on electrical code and building code changes. I have been living in BC all my life and have not have to pay a fee to ply my trade. Several years ago I worked in Saskatchewan and was outraged that the government (Ministry of Relations) in their province required that I "a red sealed journeyman electrician of 14 years" had to pay a fee for the "right" to work as a "Full Electrical Journeyman" in their province. I wonder what the interprovincial red seal means?? I find this all absurd and reeks of nothing but a cash grab under the guise of "public / homeowner safety". Presently I hold a red seal as well as a FSR-B, I can pull permits and do electrical work in this province. Right now it is up to me the field safety rep to make sure that I am doing the work to the latest building code as well as the latest electrical code. So it is MY SKIN in the game. And I am doing this without paying \$100 or taking code course every 3 years. This is the free market, If I choose to do shoddy work and the safety inspector fails my jobs, I could loose my license and it could cost me a lot of customers. Obviously this is not in my best interest. This \$100 fee and mandatory code course every 3 years will not prevent poor and not to code installations. There will always be shady tradesmen willing to do unsafe installations without permits and these new regulations will do nothing to prevent it. Currently the majority of reputable companies make sure on a yearly basis to keep their journeymen, FSR holders as well as apprentices well informed to electrical code and building code changes. If they do not, they risk a failing permit on jobs, holding up the progress of projects, extra costs, and a damages to their business reputation. -You state that you are "planning" to implement a \$100 fee, to me, it seems like this \$100 fee is already a done deal as you also state "beginning in early 2018, you will be required to renew your certificate on a three-year term". So is this fee a done deal? -This "fee" is 1/3 of other jurisdictions, How is it that for me having my FSR for 10 years in BC it has worked fine, and all of a sudden BCSA has taken upon themselves that they have to copy other provinces and implement a cash grab fee? -Part of this "fee" is for the cost of administering the renewals...So if I wasn't forced to renew every 3 years (like presently for the last 10) there'd be no fee correct? -I've had my red seal card for 15 years and my FSR card for 10, I somehow have "managed" not to lose these cards...I think there is no reason to issue a new card every 3 years. There is not a photo on them so there is no need for new ones. FYI I still have my birth certificate too! -"The fee and certificate renewal allows BCSA to keep accurate records of certificate holders, and ensure FSRs have up-to-date information about code and regulatory changes." So is BCSA not keeping accurate records presently??? I seem to have got this "consultation" email. Also I know that you have my FSR number on record. I strongly believe it is NOT YOUR JOB to make sure that FSR's are up to date with codes and regulation. This is the responsibility of the FSR holder and him only. If his company chooses to help all the better. -BCSA is supposed to be a self funded organization, seems like you are coming up with more regulations to bring in more revenue. (i.e. everything has been fine with no fee's for over 10 years.) -How will BCSA ensure FSRs have up-to-date information about code and regulatory changes? By email?

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		Will you provide print offs? Will you mail them? Has this been though about in your \$100 fee? What prevents this fee from going up? -Are plumbers, HVAC techs, gas-fitters, carpenters, roofers ect.. all having to pay fee's every year and mandatory courses for your permission for them to work too? -BCSA is giving us Tradesworkers a say in this process. (these are the people that put revenue in BCSA that your salary comes from) Who decides if this fee and the whole unnecessary proposal goes through. I truly hope you listen to the feed back. We do not need to pay a fee to be good Tradesmen, it's in our own best interest. I hope that this not under the "guise of consultation" before you ram this regulation through. Pissed off, over taxed, and regulated BC resident.
Electrician	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I agree with a lot of comments that I have read so fare, and I have no renewal dates on my FSR, never have, and now you are saying that you want to take everyone's FSR and make it a cash grab for your administration. The FSR training we receive when a new code book is released from the inspector's I believe is what should be continued . Attendance report received and recorded. Would it not be against the law to charge and change a License that does not have an expire date on, and how do you just out of the blue deside that you can do this..
Dynamysk Automation Ltd	Reasonable / Supportive	I agree with making it mandatory for an FSR to stay current with the electrical code updates and revisions. I also see the benefit of putting a program in place that provides a means to see whether or not an FSR is actually a working FSR or just someone who once was a valid FSR but has not been involved for years. Obviously I would prefer not to pay for that service but I also see the administration of this program will not be free.
Electrician	Unreasonable / Opposed	I feel this another cash grab just to compensate other costs safety authority keeps increasing
Bridge Electric	Unreasonable / Strongly Opposed	Another cash grab. If I am an active FSR with permits against my name, It is my responsibility to have an updated knowledge of the code, directives and bulletins. Your inspectors should be verifying this with the inspections. But wait, I've seen one twice in 5 years... I will only agree to the "administration" fee if it only applies to FSR's who are not active. If you havent had a permit against your name for 3 years, then you should prove your updated code knowledge and pay a fee to be re-instated, and the fee should include the class. If this is to be applied to all FSR's its nothing but a cash grab.
Elpol Electrical	Reasonable / Supportive	Mandatory training every year provided by Safety Authority on selected topics

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Field Safety Representative	Somewhat reasonable / Neutral	If a field safety representative who is actively pulling permits and having his work reviewed by an inspector they should not be required to pay a renewal fee. However a field safety representative who has gone an extended period without pulling a permit should have to pay a renewal fee.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Opposed	Permit fees should cover costs. At every code renewal charge a nominal fee for an online refresher/ webinar, to ensure that FSR's are keeping up to date, this is good for the industry. New wallet cards should only be re-issued if lost or damaged, no real requirement for this extra admin cost.
Field Safety Representative	Somewhat unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I do not see a need for a certificate renewal fee, we have earned our designation. Under going continuing education is important to keep up to date within the trade, and which more trades people do. For those that have achieved the FSR this year it seems unnecessary for them to have to even consider the need to "renew" it. I feel that this is a money grab for the Safety Authority and a make work project for office employees.
Electrical contractor	Somewhat unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Another cash grab, more paperwork, when will it end?
Proway Electric Ltd	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	It is the responsibility of the FSR (certified electrician) to maintain a level of skill, knowledge and education as the market place and industry changes. To place a fee to renew a license for a skill that has been hard earned seems like a cash grab.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	BCSA should already have a database that includes FSRs. There may be other reasons for other jurisdictions charging fees. Why is there a need at this time for the certificate renewal fee? Why is the name of our companies/association/group disclosed?  Training is a separate issue.
Electrical Contractor	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	I think that all FSR's should take a code upgrade course whenever the new CEC book comes out. Just a refresher. But I don't believe that we should have to pay for the course and pay a renewal fee for our certificate. Pay a \$75.00 fee when the new code comes out and take the online course offered by BCSA and then they are renewed with a fancy wallet card.
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<i>Received by email</i>	<i>Received by email</i>	[...] even though I haven't applied for any permits for some time I still hold my B class ticket and my bond .I agree with the proposal of a 3 year renewal policy for FSR that actively involved in the electrical trade. Thanks
<i>Received by email</i>	<i>Received by email</i>	I feel that these fees are getting out of hand. Unfortunately not everyone is responsible with pulling permits and there seems to be no action taken for this so this seems like a total government grab to us
<i>Received by email</i>	<i>Received by email</i>	No!!!!!!
<i>Received by email</i>	<i>Received by email</i>	so us doing more of the paper work and you want to charge more. ? sounds like another good idea.
<i>Received by email</i>	<i>Received by email</i>	I strongly disagree with the renewal process. There is no need for a renewal. Any electrician who wants the FSR is striving to be something great. I think you guys should do something like a code refresher course every 5 years to make sure all FSR's are up to date on the new code standards. Introducing a renewal fee is a cash grab on your end and it's not the answer to obtaining more money!
<i>Received by email</i>	<i>Received by email</i>	Sick Of paying your fees for nothing This is all just tax grabs How is that for Feed back?
<i>Received by email</i>	<i>Received by email</i>	Having spent 30 years in the electrical industry, I understand the role BCSA provides to ensure a safe and properly wired electrical system for the various types of assets operated in BC. Having an FSR really only benefits the owner of the company seeing that you only need 1 to operate a business. Charging a fee to the many people who spent a good chunk of change on obtaining their FSR " just in case they want to be a company" does not make any sense. Each company already pays an annual license and many permits are being taken out daily. What next a annual fee to maintain my RED SEAL JOURNEYMAN TICKET.  NO FEE FOR ME  I hate to say it but it would appear that the BC SAFETY AUTHORITY has become another money making machine, just like [other organizations]
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<i>Received by email</i>	<i>Received by email</i>	I have no problems with this. A small fee to keep people up to date.
<i>Received by email</i>	<i>Received by email</i>	thats great
<i>Received by email</i>	<i>Received by email</i>	Sounds like another money grab you guys sit in your ivory towers make up new ways to charge us make us take classes taught by people that don't deserve to sweep the floor behind us charge us more every year and you have done nothing that even comes close to making my job safer you're a bunch of accountants you make me sick
<i>Received by email</i>	<i>Received by email</i>	This is not fair at all You are saying administration fees? Really !! Where these fees before  All it means you are making money from nothing
<i>Received by email</i>	<i>Received by email</i>	Renewal fee of \$100.00 for 3 years sounds good to me.
<i>Received by email</i>	<i>Received by email</i>	I am opposed to this new fee!
<i>Received by email</i>	<i>Received by email</i>	Good idea.

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<i>Received by email</i>	<i>Received by email</i>	<p>To follow up with the email below I to believe that this new fee is nothing more than a cash grab. I am a FSR-A electrician previously a FSR-B. I too take the initiative to review and up grade on a regular basis.</p> <p>Question why is this not covered in the permit fees. If the B.C Safety authority requires additional monies then pass the cost onto the customers.</p>
<i>Received by email</i>	<i>Received by email</i>	<p>Thank you for the opportunity for feedback to the above noted proposed changes . I agree totally with the 3yr renewal term, an obvious admin cost saving measure.</p> <p>If possible the upgrade 8 hr training program within the 2 year period should be available on line....this would alleviate the problem of travel and time expense for FSR members in outlying areas.</p>
TJ Security Co. Ltd	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	We currently have a lot of operating costs being in the security business.

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Electrical contractor	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	I have seen way too much unprofessional shoddy work being performed, the majority of which is in the single or multi-family residential sector. Our Canadian families live and sleep in these structures which is when the workmanship needs to be at its absolute best, not to mention the high cost of this work being billed to the consumer. I am so tired of arriving at a newly constructed residence to find sub-standard, deficient crap work that a supposed qualified electrician has installed and whom will never come back to fix on his own under warranty. At one time electrical was the highest regulated not to mention well-respected disciplines in construction where true tradesmen apprenticed under qualified journeyman tradesmen who took pride in their workmanship. A weeding out of the shoddy fly-by-nighters needs to happen not to mention stiffer fines to contractors employing unqualified and un-indentured workers. We need to support better policing of our industry and If our Canadian regulatory authorities need more funds to clean up our industry then I am all for it.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Doesn't seem like there is any value to the FSR for this fee.
Tradesperson	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Cash Grab. Enough already.
Electrician	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I agree that there needs to be accountability towards keeping our certificates up to date with training after each code update. These two things should go hand in hand. This could be done through contractor renewals and handing in proof of training for all registered FSR's. Seems like another money grab/job creation.
Electrician	Neutral / Neutral	After reading through the 400 some comments on this topic, there are no suggestions for a compromise in regards to the proposal BCSA wishes to implement, despite the fact that there is validation to both the pros and cons of these fees. To keep code material updated, have the BCSA compile over the course of two years any new relevant material and then have a fee charged to obtain the updated code material. This would justify money being paid out, and takes stress off individuals that would otherwise have to extract information from a course.
1010589 B.C. Ltd.	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	What exactly are we getting for this money? Does this mean there will be more testing resulting in more fees?
Contractor/owner	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Passed all the tests, I keep up with changes on my own, so a fee \$100 won't help me at all. Was told when I asked that my B ticket will not expire, so that's that. No more money grabs.
Film tech	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Not needed, just another tax grab creating more useless bureaucratic jobs

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Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	"...fee is approximately one-third the cost of comparable renewals in other Canadian jurisdictions.." - Out east, in New Brunswick for example, this fee doesn't exist, nor does this FSR program. The FSR program is enough of a cash grab, this proposed fee doesn't benefit anyone but the BC Safety Authority. The BC Safety Authority doesn't administer or inspect electrical work in the major areas of construction in the Lower Mainland, local municipalities take on the task. BC Safety authority is a business plain and simple. Actual government agencies should implement guidelines for trades people to stay up to date to on changes and assessments should be carried out by licensing organizations [...]
Electrician	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Stop the cash grab!!! I already paid enough when I had to do the stupid code course as a pre requisite before being able to fork over more money to be allowed to write the FSR exam! The whole thing is a cash grab....oh wait that's right BC safety authority is a government agency which is in the business of milking every dollar possible out of hard working British columbians!!!
houle electric	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I do not agree on a renewal program or fee once you are an FSR you should not have to rewrite
Houle	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	This just feels like another money grab. Not sure what we get for extra money. May I suggest that if the Safety Authority requires a bigger budget then increase the home owner permits. I also note that service has been less; where have the tech talks gone.
Prime Engineering Ltd	Unreasonable / Neutral	the renewal fee should be included in permit fees, not born by the contractor.  more importantly consideration should be given to implement a program to track maintenance requirements and operating permits, IE if a installation permit is issued for a HV service, then you know the same facility will require a yearly operating permit held by an FSR-A, the installation permit should not be allowed to be closed or completed until such operating permit is in place...
Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Qualified electricians will avoid being FSR's, or simply not bother renewing their FSR tickets, there is no motivation for a regular employee to renew, The FSR program is a huge farce and does not work like it's intended regardless of what you may think, if you were actually in business, on the front lines dealing with real customers that purchase electrical services and living in the real world you would understand this, but you guys live in your own world and are not involved in the business end of electrical contracting and are very out of touch with the real world, this is a tax grab plain and simple, it serves no purpose other than to de motivate people from advancing in the industry. I am strongly opposed to this.
Heritage Electric Ltd	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	The system is fine as is as , BC Safety need to buckle down on the unprofessional contractors not the rest of us.This is just another money drain to benefit civil servants .

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LP Peace Valley OSB	Reasonable / Supportive	I think they are fair
Electrical contractor	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	So there's a fee for the permit, a fee for the FSR renewal and a fee for every course that is required to stay current...I don't feel that I am getting any support from these added fees. What other industry charges so many fees and gets no support for the fees they are paying? Can't believe we still call this free enterprise
Government	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I have read some of the many comments that have been made so far and few realise the inspector for an installation or operating permit is the FSR that signed the declaration it is NOT the Safety Authority's obligation to inspect the work of a FSR or the people who work for them . A homeowner permit may be a different thing and there may be more of an obligation to inspect their work. Please remember that the Safety Authority does not employ inspectors - they employ Safety Officers! To ensure a FSR is using a working knowledge of the current code is one thing BUT most people are in business to make money not to be a charity as such any fee that is passed on to them will be passed on to the customer! The only benefit I can see from this is for when the actions of an unscrupulous irresponsible FSR leads to a court case as it gives lawyers current information about them! I am not in favour of more fees and red tape we have enough already.
Electrical contractor	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	I have just completed my fsr-b exam within the past 4 weeks, paid all of the fees and associated charges with becoming a licensed contractor, and do not feel that I should now have to renew my fsr again in one year from now. I will be contacting BCSA for clarification
Image Electric	Somewhat unreasonable / Neutral	<p>I think if a renewal fee and continuing education continues to go up in cost, you will create a gap in the professional level and commitment from employees. Unless an employer pays for their fees, the employees (private industries) will not move into these position and create a void in fsr's.</p> <p>As for my position on a small business contractor&amp;fsr (2-6 employees) I think this is a cash grab. Require continuing education for free and fees are ok. Fees for fsr and pay for ceu is as well will be unreasonable.</p>
Electrician	Somewhat unreasonable / Opposed	Should charge on specific FSRs, who apply to be inspected, e.g. \$50-\$100 every time, instead of charging on every certified FSR. As some certified FSRs do not or very rare to carry out their FSR qualification.
Vertex Ventures	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	Very fair and good idea .. well done and glad your group is as forward thinking as it is ! Thanks for watching over our safety !

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Interior Health	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I like the idea of standardize classification for FSR's in all provinces. The Master Electrician FSR A,B,C designation fits well w/ this objective. But why a fee for organizational changes? Adding the fee is a money grab. As an FSR who is contractor I pay a yearly fee. I also hold a power engineers certification and am asked to pay a fee for another field if these changes happen in all field under the BCSA restructuring. That will be 3 fees for certification. Too Much fees is being asked for from the working sector trades professional industries.
RH Electric	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I like the idea of a renewal process proving that the FSR is up to date with code knowledge. This should be free. Those who spend the time to study and go through the code will pass, those who fail should be required to take applicable training (for a fee), then re-write or lose their FSR credential.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Seems like another tax. Already pay for contractor licence renewals and bonding renewals. Why would our earned qualification expire?
Central Okanagan Public Schools	Somewhat reasonable / Supportive	Provide a personal group rate for those with Multi-certifications. eg; FSR, & "B"Gas certificates. Renewal dates to be on the same date or linked at a reduced cost. I would strongly support free an up to date code training for the proposed renewal fees. Supporting lunch and learn & sponsored sessions that contribute to the maintenance of FSR training requirements. Support those FSR personnel that need their certificate to be on hold for max of 10 years without penalty.
Shaw Electrical	Unreasonable / Opposed	You will pay the fee? FSR? Contractor? You will have less FSR's in you system. A company will not pay for all their FSR's to register.  Another way would be to include Code book with registration. Get something for your money! FSR would have an up to date code book. This just another way to raise fees. This is the wrong way to go about it! Going backwards
Mickelson Electric	Unreasonable / Opposed	This is a cash grab - you've already doubled the costs of permits to our customers / we couldn't pass our certifications if we were not qualified and this puts unnecessary stress upon us - there should be no fee - inspectors know to identify errors - and rather mail out the updates to every contractor - provide them all new binders with all the new codes and rather make it mandatory to have a new code book - charge \$100 for that and provide all new updates

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Steveco Electric	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	like the majority of the posted comments have already stated, this is a "CASH GRAB" I have written and passed my exams to be a certified Electrical Contractor/FSR many years ago and I am not willing to re-validate what has already been done. I have successfully run my business for over 20 years and have never had any corrections to amend on any of my permits because I am responsible for keeping up with the code changes that are continually changing. do college and university degrees lapse or anyone employed in the BCSA offices have to pay a fee and re-validate to prove their profession?
Domtar Kamloops Pulp Mill	Unreasonable / Opposed	I am not in favor of more fees attributed to those of us who are responsible for electrical safety. We are doing a service to protect the end users and charging us a fee to provide that service is not reasonable. We pay fees based on Installations and annual permitting. To make it sound like a good deal you published: "Did you know that BCSA's proposed renewal fee is approximately one-third the cost of comparable renewals in other Canadian jurisdictions?" I am opposed to even more fees.
Field Safety Representative	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I strongly oppose any more fees for the FSR's who are responsible for ensuring electrical safety in the province of B.C.
Electrical contractor	Reasonable / Strongly supportive	I have seen way too much unprofessional shoddy work being performed, the majority of which is in the single or multi-family residential sector. Our Canadian families live and sleep in these structures which is when the workmanship needs to be at its absolute best, not to mention the high cost of this work being billed to the consumer. I am so tired of arriving at a newly constructed residence to find sub-standard, deficient [...] work that a supposed qualified electrician has installed and who will never come back to fix on his own under warranty. At one time electrical was the highest regulated not to mention well-respected disciplines in construction where true tradesmen apprenticed under qualified journeyman tradesmen who took pride in their workmanship. A weeding out of the shoddy fly-by-nighters needs to happen not to mention stiffer fines to contractors employing unqualified and un-indentured workers. We need to support better policing of our industry and If our Canadian regulatory authorities need more funds to clean up our industry then I am all for it.
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Electrician	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	I agree that there needs to be accountability towards keeping our certificates up to date with training after each code update. These two things should go hand in hand. This could be done through contractor renewals and handing in proof of training for all registered FSR's. Seems like another money grab/job creation.
Trane	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Why after all his time are you starting to charge?
BCIT	Unreasonable / Opposed	It sounds like you plan to charge a \$100 fee to recover the cost of collecting a \$100 fee. This new scheme sounds suspiciously like a way to raise some quick cash.  There are already provisions within the Act and Regulations to require contractors and FSRs to maintain their expertise and qualifications; and to allow Safety Officers to demand proof of upgrading if they suspect a contractor or FSR of not being up to date. Why make this more complicated than it needs to be?
Electrical contractor	Neutral / Unsure	More paper work for self worker and contractor
Fusion security	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	Don't agree with paying fee
Tradesperson	Unreasonable / Strongly opposed	With the costs of the permits, this should be covered ten times over!