



# Common Safety Orientation

## Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What is the Common Safety Orientation (CSO)?**

It is an online course that introduces workers from all sectors of the oil and gas industry to safe work practices and incorporates Energy Safety Canada’s 10 Life Saving Rules, which are based on addressing the most at-risk behaviours.
- 2. Why was the CSO created?**

General safety orientations are subtly different from company to company. Energy Safety Canada’s Safety Standards Council—a group that consists of executive representatives across industry sectors, company sizes, and the six trade associations—identified a need for a standardized general safety orientation. The objective of the CSO is to reduce duplicate training, increase seamless movement of workers between sites, and cut unnecessary costs.
- 3. Who should take CSO?**

The course is aimed at new workers in the oil and gas industry. Workers should consult with their employer to determine which orientation is required.
- 4. Why should workers take the CSO?**

CSO is a recognized industry standard that introduces new workers to key concepts to help them work safely in the oil and gas industry. It will become a widely accepted standard across industry which means workers can move from company to company, and it will reduce duplicate safety training.
- 5. What is the cost for the CSO course?**

\$99 + GST.
- 6. How long will BSO, eGSO and PST courses be offered?**

Basic Safety Orientation (BSO), Electronic General Safety Orientation (eGSO) and Petroleum Safety Training (PST) will be offered until December 31, 2018.
- 7. Can I get a replacement certificate for PST, eGSO and BSO?**

Replacement certificates will be available until March 31, 2019. If eGSO or BSO was completed online, you can print your own certificate or record of completion. If PST or BSO was completed in the classroom, the replacement cost is \$25. After March 31, 2019 you would need to complete the CSO course.
- 8. Will eGSO, PST and BSO certificates still be recognized/accepted?**

The CSO is the new orientation for the oil and gas industry. It is up to individual companies to determine which orientations are accepted on their sites.
- 9. What is the difference between CSO and BSO?**

The CSO is intended for workers across the entire oil and gas industry and includes the [10 Life Saving Rules](#). The BSO is only for those in the oil sands sector.
- 10. What are the system requirements for the course?**

You will need a computer with: web camera, headset or speakers, internet access and Google Chrome installed. You will also need government-issued ID and a valid email.