



# CERTIFYING PARTNERS

## What is a Certifying Partner and why do I need one?

A Certifying Partner is an organization that, through agreement with WorkSafeBC, helps guide employers towards earning a certificate of recognition (COR)—a certificate awarded to an employer who has implemented a management system as verified by an audit. Certifying Partners are typically safety associations recognized by WorkSafeBC as having in-depth industry knowledge that is used to promote and develop workplace health and safety; there are different Certifying Partners for different industries. Once an employer registers with a Certifying Partner, it assists the employer first to implement an effective health and safety management system, then to complete and pass a qualifying audit.

## What services can I expect from a Certifying Partner?

<b>ASSISTS</b>	with resources, training, and other aspects necessary to obtain a COR
<b>OFFERS</b>	industry-specific training and develops audit requirements appropriate to the industry, based on WorkSafeBC standards
<b>REGISTERS</b>	employers in the program and communicates the training available
<b>PROVIDES</b>	the appropriate auditing tools and assists with the provision of certified auditors when required or requested
<b>MAINTAINS</b>	confidentiality, in the case of receiving confidential information from employers or WorkSafeBC.

## Who are the Certifying Partners?

As of June 2007, agencies working in partnership with WorkSafeBC as COR Certifying Partners include:

<i>BC Forest Safety Council</i>	<i>Construction Safety Association of British Columbia</i>	<i>Construction Safety Network</i>	<i>Enform (Petroleum)</i>	<i>BC Maritime Employers Association</i>
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## Do I have a Certifying Partner?

To find out if your industry has a Certifying Partner, contact either your industry safety association or your employer association. A minority of employers (such as those engaged in varied business operations or those who offer services in multiple industry sectors) may have more than one option for a Certifying Partner.

Note: In rare circumstances when an employer chooses to become certified with more than one Certifying Partner within the same industry sector, the employer is eligible to receive only one WorkSafeBC rebate annually for that industry sector.



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### What if my industry does not have a Certifying Partner?

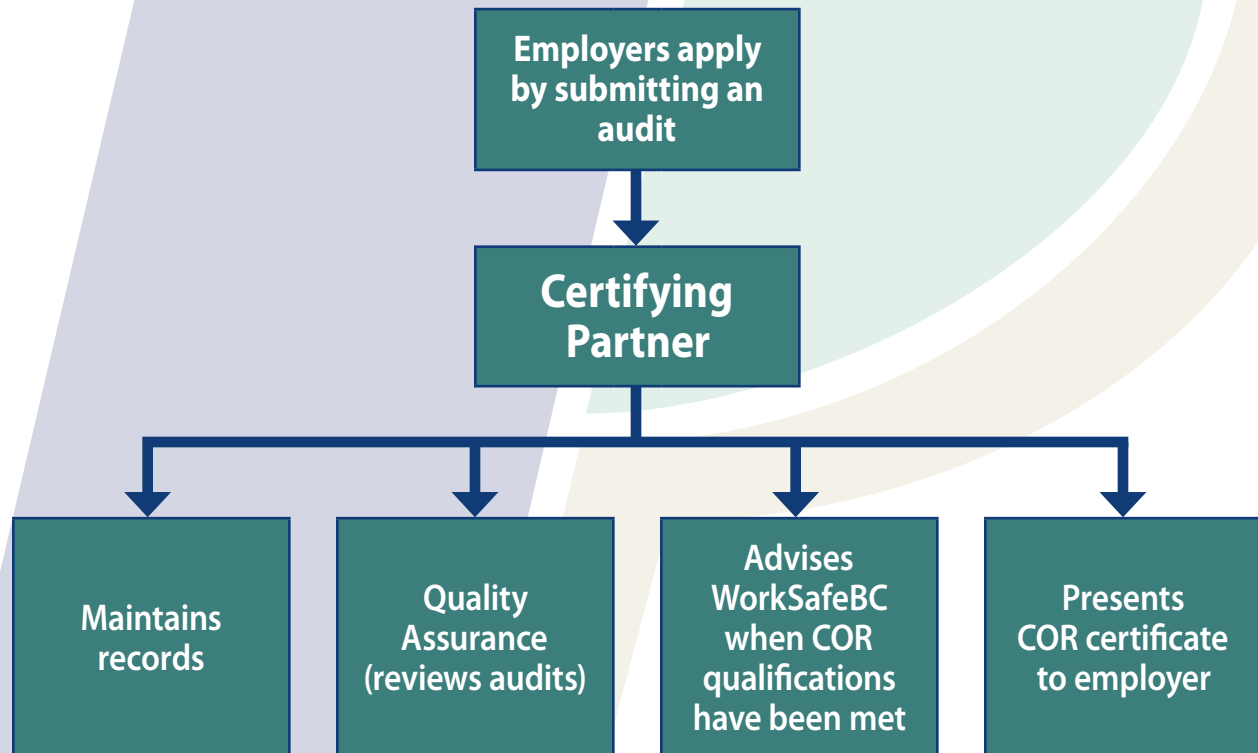
If your industry does not yet have a Certifying Partner, contact the Partners Program to determine what options are currently available and to find out if a Certifying Partner will soon be able to offer services to your industry.

### How much will my Certifying Partner charge?

Although WorkSafeBC does not charge for enrolment in the Partners Program, the Certifying Partner may charge small fees for certain aspects of the program. Ultimately, the cost to participate varies depending on the size of an employer's operations, the industry in which the employer operates, and the Certifying Partner responsible for that industry.

Potential costs include: training costs, performing audits, implementing and managing the management systems.

### What role does my Certifying Partner play in issuing my COR?



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Annually, each Certifying Partner submits a list to WorkSafeBC outlining which employers have active certifications with their agency. This includes employers who received their certification during that year, as well as employers who received certification in previous years and have maintained their COR qualification by submitting maintenance audits. WorkSafeBC confirms which employers are eligible for rebate and calculates the values, then prepares and awards cheques to those employers.

For current information, search the Partners Program at **WorkSafeBC.com**, or contact program staff at **604-244-6164** (Lower Mainland), **1-866-644-6164** (toll-free), or **partners.program@worksafebc.com**.