

WAH regulation amendment

The provincial government has announced a regulation change regarding working at heights (WAH) training. Effective March 27, O. Reg. 297/13 is amended by O. Reg. 96/20 to temporarily extend the validity period of WAH training for workers who successfully completed an approved course between February 28, 2017 and August 31, 2017. The validity period for this training is extended to four years from the current three years.

As a result of the current COVID-19 outbreak, workers may be unable to complete their WAH refresher due to course cancellations. This amendment allows workers whose WAH training is scheduled to expire to continue working and constructors and employers to continue engaging these workers on construction projects.

Please note that the related training requirements for workers who use fall protection systems on construction projects, which are found in section 26.2 of O. Reg. 213/91 (Construction Projects) under the OHSA, are not affected by this amendment. Employers must continue to comply with the requirements in section 26.2.