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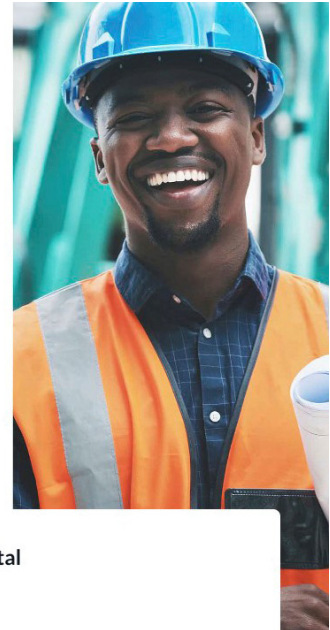
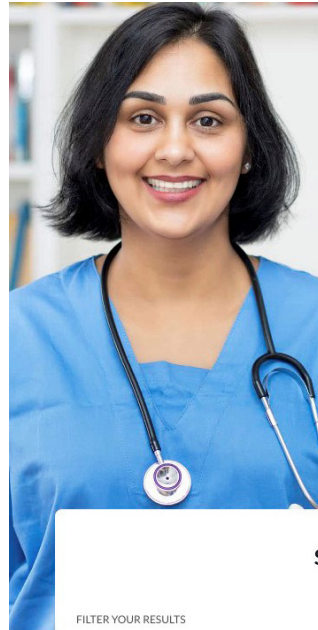
New Training Portal coming soon!

As an employer, you play an important role in ensuring a safe and healthy working environment for your workers. Ensuring your workers are well trained and competent to do their tasks in a safe manner is one of your primary duties. It helps you meet legislative requirements, reduce workplace injuries and illness and promote a safe workplace culture.

By using the SAFE Work Manitoba Training Portal, you will have access to SAFE Work Endorsed and General training by approved Training Providers - training you can rely on for quality and consistency to help keep your workers safe.

The Portal offers:

- FREE one-stop tool to browse for safety and health training from multiple training providers, to register your workers for training and to view their training certificates
- easy access to training



SAFE Work Manitoba Training Portal

FILTER YOUR RESULTS

Course Name

details such as seat availability, schedule, location, cost, and training provider

- easy access by mobile device, tablet or computer
- direct access to all your workers' certificates - easy access to records will help comply with requests from the Workplace Safety and Health Branch

- auto notification of your workers' course expirations

- access to training records from multiple training providers for all your workers in one place

- ability for potential employees to share their training history and certificates with you.

Continue creating a safe

and healthy workplace for your workers.

Visit safemanitoba.com/training to learn more about the SAFE Work Manitoba Training Portal and SAFE Work Endorsed Training.





Clearance request system

If you plan on hiring a subcontractor for a project, make sure you obtain a clearance from the WCB before work begins.

A clearance tells you whether or not a subcontractor has complied with the requirements of the WCB. This is important. If the contractor you've hired isn't in good standing with the WCB, you may be liable for the assessment costs on the portion of work they've done for you

The WCB offers a Clearance Request System, an Internet application that allows you to search potential subcontractors and obtain authorized clearance status documents. A registered user can also use the system to compile and store lists of the subcontractors they use most often and be updated automatically via email

whenever change in clearance status occurs.

Who should get clearances?

General contractors or any business hiring for the purposes of construction, transportation, logging, janitorial, oil and gas, tow trucks, etc. should get clearance information on their subcontractors before work begins. A clearance is important if you're in a contract-based industry. Any service provider that is not registered with the WCB that adds value to the products or services that you provide will be deemed your worker. This means that you'll be required to include the labour portion of the contract payment when reporting payroll to the WCB. And if they are injured in the workplace, your own assessment rates could go up.

Clearances aren't required for businesses that "supply material only."

If you're in a non-contract based industry and you see the status "deemed worker," or if you can't find your vendor in the system, contact the WCB to verify their status at **204-954-4505** or toll-free in Canada at **1-855-954-4321 ext. 4505**. More information is also available at wcb.mb.ca/clearances.

There are two options for accessing the system:

1. General Public Access: Search for businesses by their WCB account number or business name and immediately see their standing with the WCB. Enter as many names as you want and get immediate information on each one. General Public Access is available at wcb.mb.ca/clearances.

2. Registered User:

Using a secure Internet connection, registered users can create customized, interactive lists of subcontractors. If a business changes status, the Clearance Request System will automatically flag the business's name in your file and email you about the change in status the next business day. To register, call. To register, call **204-954-4803** or **1-866-751-9245** (toll-free in Canada).

Contact us:

Assessment Services is available to assist you from Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 p.m. by calling **204-954-4505** or toll-free in Canada at **1-855-954-4321 ext. 4505** (except on statutory holidays). You can also contact us 24/7 through our online chat by visiting www.wcb.mb.ca/contact-wcb and clicking on Start Chat.

Day of Mourning - April 28

Across Canada on April 28 the National Day of Mourning is dedicated to remembering those who have lost their lives, suffered injury or illness on the job, or experienced a work-related tragedy.

April 28 is not only a day to remember those who have lost their lives, but to also contemplate ways

to improve worker safety moving forward.

Everyone is welcome to take part in the SAFE Workers of Tomorrow Leaders' Walk on April 28. The walk begins at 11:30 a.m. at Union Centre (275 Broadway). The walk will proceed west to the Workers' Memorial at Memorial Park.



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