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# The Value of Certificate Of Recognition (COR)

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### **What is the COR program?**

A COR, or Certificate of Recognition, provides proof that a company has implemented a health and safety management system that meets established provincial standards.

Enform's COR program has an established audit protocol that meets governing body standards in Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan. A COR certified company can use one audit that covers a representative sampling of all three provinces to apply for a certificate of recognition for each WCB account.

### **Why should your company apply for certification?**

Certification is an indicator that your company is invested in workplace health and safety. The safety stats are impressive! Alberta employers with a COR have demonstrated:

- 40% reduction in lost time claim rates and disabling injury rates in the first two years with COR
- Over 60% decrease in disabling injury rate since 2005, compared to 40% decrease for non-COR employers
- 50% lower annual fatality rate, compared to the provincial average
- Decreasing occupational fatality rate since 2006, compared to an increasing fatality rate for non-COR employers

With a validated health and safety management system, companies can identify and assess their workplace risks, then systematically control hazards to protect their people. This ongoing process allows companies to build a culture of proactive workplace health and safety that meet compliance with occupational health and safety (OH&S) regulations and promotes continuous improvement.

There are also some very tangible benefits to having your COR; including considerable WCB savings:

- 25% lower WCB claims
- Up to 15% reduction on WCB premiums
- Provincial WCB rebates up to 20% in Alberta and 15% in B.C.

You can find more information on the COR program here, or download the brochure.

A COR may also enhance contracting opportunities for many employers, since a valid COR is a common contractor requirement in the oil and gas industry. For many large companies, a COR validates health and safety management systems already in place.

For more information on the Enform COR please visit:  
[http://www.enform.ca/safety\\_audits\\_certification/default.aspx](http://www.enform.ca/safety_audits_certification/default.aspx)