

# EPT SAFETY MEMO

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you and your family are safe during these unprecedented times in the world.

Please take the time to read the following Safety Memo as EPT Educational Trust Fund and Alberta Pipe Trades College wants to pass along all the required information and credentials our members may or may not require to head to work. **PLEASE** note that the entire CSTS 2020 certification is **FREE** to take until the end of 2020 and will not be eligible for reimbursement if there is cost attached to the program in the new year. There is all the information regarding this found later in this newsletter.

Like many businesses in the world we live in right now, your Education Department is operating at less than 50% of the staff prior to COVID-19 and the staff is doing an excellent job ensuring all members are taken care of during these unbelievable times. If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact the Education Department at (780) 488 1266 for any answers you require.

All forms or information required for our members is available at [www.albertapipetrades.ca](http://www.albertapipetrades.ca) for everyone to access. All upcoming course schedules and information will be found at this website.

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## WORK READY WORK FORCE (WRWF) SAFETY INFORMATION

A UA Local 488 member will be required to have these certifications before being dispatched.

1. Confined Space Entry Monitor
2. Fall Protection
3. Mobile Elevated Work Platform
4. Half Mask Fit Testing

The member's safety certifications must not expire within 60 days of the commencement of their job or they will be ineligible to be dispatched. If a member's certifications expire on the jobsite while working after sixty days of employment, the contractor will be responsible to pay for the member's WRWF certifications if required.

### Steps to take:

1. The Local 488 member will contact ACTI – 587-585-2428 OR 587-340-3849- directly to book required safety certifications. Please let ACTI staff know that you are a UA Local 488 member and they will register you in the required class(es). If ACTI cannot be reached by phone, please register on the ACTI website – [www.actiedmonton.ca](http://www.actiedmonton.ca) – and you will be contacted. DO NOT pay online as the Local 488 member is entitled to a discount.
2. UA Local 488 member will be required to pay ACTI directly for the training.
3. Please send copies of your receipt, safety cards, and course reimbursement form - found on [www.albertapipetrades.ca](http://www.albertapipetrades.ca) - to [safety@ept488.ca](mailto:safety@ept488.ca) for application to reimbursement
4. Upon approval for reimbursement, a reimbursement cheque will be mailed to the member.

### Work Ready Work Force Reimbursement Policy

In order to be eligible to qualify for reimbursement for WRWF certifications a member MUST:

1. Be in good standing
2. Be within 6 months of their certification expiring
3. Submit a copy of their receipt
4. Submit a copy of their certification which will be added to the member's profile on the safety database.
5. Submit a completed course reimbursement form
6. Send all submissions to [safety@ept488.ca](mailto:safety@ept488.ca)
7. Reimbursement will only be processed if all information is submitted
8. All reimbursements are processed on the 15th and 30th of each month.

UA Local 488 members that choose to obtain their training and certification from another Safety provider will only be eligible for reimbursement to the amount of the similar course offered at ACTI. The costs for the approved certifications for WRWF safety at ACTI are:

1. Mobile Elevated Work Platform - \$80.00 as of November 1, 2020
2. Fall Protection - \$80.00 as of November 1, 2020
3. Confined Space Entry Monitor - \$70.00 as of November 1, 2020
4. ½ Mask Fit Testing - \$50.00 for both masks True North and 3M – as of November 1, 2020.

All other safety certifications are not included in the Work Ready Work Force and WILL NOT be reimbursed by EPT Education Trust Fund.

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## **CSTS 2020 – FREE UNTIL THE END OF 2020**

This entire year Alberta Construction Safety Association has offered CSTS 2020 online for no charge at their website – [www.yourasca.ca](http://www.yourasca.ca) - for anyone to become certified. The new CSTS 2020 - Fundamentals certification is replacing the CSTS 2009 program and is only offered online. The Fundamentals portion of CSTS 2020 comprises of 9 modules including WHIMIS 2015. After completing the Fundamentals portion of CSTS 2020, there are many optional modules offered. UA Local 488 is recommending UA Local 488 members obtain certification in all the extra modules as many jobsites are starting to require the Fundamental certification and various optional modules. Once the UA Local 488 member obtains all of their CSTS 2020 certifications, please email copies of your tickets to [safety@ept488.ca](mailto:safety@ept488.ca) and they will be added to your profile on the safety database.

Steps to take:

1. UA Local 488 member will go to the ACSA website @ [www.yourasca.ca](http://www.yourasca.ca) to take the course. If anyone has any problem with getting on the program, completing the program or printing tickets, please contact ACSA directly and they can help you through their program.
2. Upon completion, UA Local 488 member will email copies of all printed tickets to [safety@ept488.ca](mailto:safety@ept488.ca) so the certifications are entered into the Safety Database for the member

## **CSTS 2020 Reimbursement Policy**

Due to the fact that CSTS 2020 has been offered for free for the entire year for our members to take, this course will be not qualify for reimbursement if there is a charge attached to the CSTS 2020 certification in 2021. Please take the time before the end of the year to obtain your certification and send the tickets [safety@ept488.ca](mailto:safety@ept488.ca).

## **COMMON SAFETY ORIENTATION – CSO**

Energy Safety Canada (ESC) offers the Common Safety Orientation (CSO) certification online at their website [www.energysafetycanada.ca](http://www.energysafetycanada.ca). The CSO certification is replacing the original OSSA Regional Certification and the OSSA Basic Safety Orientation (BSO). There are job-sites that are not accepting OSSA Regional and/or BSO and members must have the CSO certification. The CSO course is eligible for reimbursement to UA Local 488 Members upon successful completion and following the members reimbursement process.

Steps to take:

1. UA Local 488 member will go to the Energy Safety Canada website @ [www.energysafetycanada.ca](http://www.energysafetycanada.ca) to take the course. If anyone has any problem with getting on the program, completing the program or printing tickets, please contact ECS directly and they can help you through their program.
2. UA Local 488 member will be required to pay ESC directly for the training.

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3. Please send copies of your receipt, safety cards, and course reimbursement form - found on [www.albertapipetrades.ca](http://www.albertapipetrades.ca) - to [safety@ept488.ca](mailto:safety@ept488.ca) for application to reimbursement
4. Upon approval for reimbursement, a reimbursement cheque will be mailed to the member.

## CSO Reimbursement Policy

In order to be eligible to qualify for reimbursement for CSO certification a member MUST:

1. Be in good standing
2. Submit a copy of their receipt
3. Submit a copy of their certification which will be added to the member's profile on the safety database.
4. Submit a completed course reimbursement form
5. Reimbursement will only be processed if all information is submitted
6. All reimbursements are processed on the 15th and 30th of each month

UA Local 488 members that choose to obtain their training and certification from another Safety provider will only be eligible for reimbursement to the amount of the similar course offered at ESC. The cost for Common Safety Orientation is \$79.00 as of November 1, 2020.

## PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION SAFETY TRAINING – PCST

UA Local 488 members working in the Pipeline industry will be required to have a current Pipeline Construction Safety Training certification. Any member requiring the certification will send an email request for certification at [safety@ept488.ca](mailto:safety@ept488.ca). Every member must be pre-approved for free PCST training. Once the pre-approval process has happened, EPT will direct our members to a website and be given a PIN number so no charge is incurred by the member. This course is offered online and can be taken at home. Once the certification is earned, the member MUST submit a copy of the certificate to [safety@ept488.ca](mailto:safety@ept488.ca) so the credential can be added to the member's profile on our database.

### Steps to take:

1. UA Local 488 member will submit an email request for PCST certification to [safety@ept488.ca](mailto:safety@ept488.ca). The request MUST include your first name, last name and UA Card number.
2. EPT will respond with an email giving the website to take the course and a PIN to offset the cost of the course
3. Member will submit certification to [safety@ept488.ca](mailto:safety@ept488.ca) so the credential will be added to member's profile in the database.