

# The Pros & Cons of Getting a Certificate of Recognition



In several jurisdictions, companies can earn certificates of recognition (CORs) by having their OHS programs audited and certified as meeting designated standards. Getting a COR for your OHS program can be time-consuming but it may be worth the effort.

For example, your company can offer its COR as one piece of evidence that it exercises due diligence. In addition, companies with valid CORs usually get breaks on their workers' comp premiums. And you may be required to have a COR in order to bid on some kinds of jobs.

We recently asked if your company has a COR (or your jurisdiction's equivalent). The results:

- 67% said yes
- 27% said no
- 6% said their jurisdiction doesn't offer one.

To learn more about some issues you should think about if you're considering working toward a COR for your organization, watch [this recording](#) of a recent webinar by Alberta OHS lawyer David Myrol. (You can also just [download the presentation](#).) You'll learn:

- The new and evolving business reality of the COR program and its growing national presence (with an emphasis on the programs in Alberta and BC)
- What a COR is, where it started, what are its

- requirements and why it's important to have one
- The strengths and weaknesses of the COR program and whether it delivers what's intended.

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