



OHS Committee Education in Abbotsford

The BCFED Health & Safety Centre will be offering some of our most popular 8-hour health and safety education courses in Abbotsford.

Joint health and safety committee members, including worker and employer representatives, play an important role in workplace safety. Members' duties include identifying health and safety problems in the workplace, consulting with workers and the employer, and making recommendations around workplace health and safety.

Our OH&S Committee Part 1 course satisfies the eight-hour [mandatory training](#) for new OH&S Committee members.

The BCFED OH&S Centre is the largest provider of OH&S Committee education in BC. Funded by BC WCB, we strive to provide quality, cost effective OH&S education across all regions of the province.

Register today for this local, cost effective educational opportunity!

ABBOTSFORD

Occupational Health and Safety Committee Part 1

(Mandatory course for new OH&S Committee members within the first six months)

Wednesday, May 25 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Cost \$155 per person

[More Info / Register](#)

Course Spotlight

Improving Return to Work Outcomes – Virtual Wed July 6th 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
\$155 pp + tax. View course [description and registration](#)

As disability-related costs increase, workplaces struggle with re-integrating workers with disabilities. Return to Work (RTW) education simplifies this process by focusing on RTW as a Health & Safety issue that must respect the fundamental principles of human rights. This workshop utilizes research based RTW practices to equip participants with effective tools and strategies to facilitate successful work reintegration outcomes.

Audience: OH&S Committee Members, Managers, Worker Representatives, Supervisors, anyone with RTW responsibilities.

Virtual courses - Our facilitator lead virtual classes continue to be popular, convenient options for many participants and will continue to be offered into the future. A number of courses that we are not able to offer in-person at this time are available virtually.

You can register for our virtual or in-person public course offerings on our registration page <https://www.healthandsafetybc.ca/course-calendar/>

Start thinking about your organization's OH&S training plans - Now is a great time to start thinking about your organization's OH&S training plans. If you have a minimum of 12 participants, we can assist with OH&S training that fits your needs and schedule (both in-person and virtual). The form below starts a no obligation cost quote and possible dates for course delivery at your union or workplace.

<https://www.healthandsafetybc.ca/preliminary-request-a-course/>

ANNUAL TRAINING HOURS

3.27 Minimum training requirements for new joint committee members:

(2) **The employer must** ensure that each member of the employer's joint committees who was selected on or after June 1, 2017 to be a member receives, as soon as practicable but no more than 6 months after becoming a member, a total of at least 8 hours of instruction and training, as set out in subsection (4).

(7) For greater certainty, the instruction and training required under subsection (2) or (3) of this regulation is not educational leave as set out in section 41 of the Workers Compensation Act.

Note: The 8-hour mandatory training requirement -- "new joint committee members must receive the instruction and training required under section 3.27 of the Occupational Health & Safety Regulation (OHSR)" -- is separate from the existing annual 8-hour educational leave assigned by section 41 of the Workers Compensation Act, "Each member of a joint committee is entitled to an annual educational leave totaling 8 hours [...]".

*** New committee members are eligible to receive 16 hours of education in their first year.***

For more information see: [JHSC Occupational Health and Safety Regulation Changes](#).

*Funded by the Workers Compensation Board of British Columbia and hosted by the BC Federation of Labour, the **BC Fed OH&S Centre** is the largest provider of this type of training in the province.*