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Re: New National COR® Audit Instrument

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Dear COR® Member,

I am writing to share with you some upcoming changes to your COR® Audit Instrument effective January 1st, 2024.

Construction Safety Nova Scotia works nationally with the Canadian Federation of Construction Safety Associations to maintain [the COR® standard](#), so that it continues to reflect best industry practices in Occupational Health and Safety. As part of this ongoing work, a new COR® national audit instrument was developed and endorsed for use.

The new audit instrument will help our members advance safety culture in their organizations and make it easier to achieve COR® reciprocity in other provinces and territories. Additionally, we have worked to make your COR® audit experience simpler and easier by ensuring the new audit tool:

- Uses plain language to clearly explain requirements.
- Provides clear and detailed scoring guidelines for each question.
- Reduces redundancy resulting in less audit questions overall.
- Is available in multiple formats including traditional paper booklet, fillable pdf and our new digital e-audit instrument.

Beginning January 1st, 2024, the new COR® audit instrument will be used for all COR® audits.

CSNS is committed to helping our COR® members navigate this change. In your transition to the new instrument, our OHS professionals will work closely with you to ensure you are prepared for your next audit.

The new COR® Audit Instrument will become publicly available on August 1, 2023. Please be sure to visit our website at <https://constructionsafetyns.ca/cor-harmonization/> for more information, as well as upcoming education and training opportunities on using the COR® Audit Instrument.

If you have a COR® Audit scheduled between September 1st to December 31st 2023, and you would like to benefit from early adoption of the new instrument, please contact us at cor@constructionsafetyns.ca or call us at 902-468-6696 (toll free: 1-800-971-3888).

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to improving workplace safety through the COR® program. We look forward to continued collaboration with you toward making the Nova Scotia construction industry the safest in Canada.

Best regards,

MJ MacDonald
CEO, Construction Safety Nova Scotia

