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**Notice to: Accredited Elevating Device Mechanic Continuing Education Providers, Elevating Device Mechanics (under Ontario Regulation 222/01)**

Be advised the Director of Elevating Devices in Ontario will permit Elevating Mechanics whose certificates expire beginning March 16, 2020 to renew their certificates under Ontario Regulation 222/01 (Certification and Training of Elevating Device Mechanics) without having completed the continuous education requirements mandated by the *Elevating Device Mechanics Policies and Procedures* and *Director's Order ED-272-18*, so long as the certificate holders renew their certificates with TSSA prior to their date of expiry by submitting payment for their outstanding renewal invoice.

In addition, the following is effective immediately:

- Certificate holders who have sought the exception for the continuous education requirement from **March 16, 2020 through December 31, 2021** are encouraged to complete continuous education training, through an accredited training provider; however, it will not be mandatory for renewal and proof will not be required to be submitted to the Director.
- Certificate holders will no longer be required to request an exception, as a condition of the certificate renewal process.
- **Certificate holders that expire on or after January 1, 2022**, will be required to complete the continuing education requirements, submit proof of completion to the Director, and remit payment for their renewal invoice, in order to renew their certificate.

**Please be advised that Elevating Device Mechanics who wish to continue to work must still renew their certificates before their date of expiry. This is mandated by Ontario Regulation 222/01:**

Subsection 5(1): An application to renew a certificate shall be made to the director... and be accompanied by the fee set out by the designated administrative authority.

Subsection 5(4): If a mechanic fails to renew his or her certificate before it expires, the mechanics shall not work as a mechanic after the date of expiry of the certificate...

**The suspension of the requirement to have to complete continuing education requirements shall remain in effect until December 31, 2021.**

Background:

In response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Technical Standards and Safety Authority ("TSSA"), is taking precautionary measures to protect our employees, partners and customers. Recertification training and continuous education may require certificate holders to attend in-class training sessions, which may not comply with the social distancing guidelines; therefore, the requirements have been suspended for a period of time.

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Director, Ontario Regulation 209/01(Elevating Devices) and Ontario Regulation 222/01(Certification and Training of Elevating Device Mechanics) made under the *Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000*