IN THE MATTER OF

The Technical Standards And Safety Act, 2000,
S.O. 2000, c. 16

- and -

ONTARIO REGULATION 222/01
(Certification and Training of Elevating Device Mechanics)
made under the
Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000

Subject: Elevating Device Mechanic Continuing Education Requirements
Sent to: All Mechanics, Mechanics-in-Training, Registered Contractors and Training Providers

Pursuant to subsection 32(1) of the Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000 (the “Act”), the Director hereby orders the following:

1. ORDER

1.1.1 Effective January 1, 2011, all classes of Elevating Device Mechanics (EDMs) shall fully complete the continuing education requirement as a condition of each certificate renewal.

1.1.2 The continuing education requirement referred to in clause 1.1.1 of this order shall include instruction on the following topics:
   a) 6 hours on safe work practices and related topics that may include product-specific safety applications or procedures;
   b) 3 hours on the Act, its regulations, applicable code(s), director’s orders/bulletins, and related topics; and
   c) 3 hours on technical training related to the elevator industry, which may include cross-discipline training involving curriculum that may have an impact on the elevator trade.

1.2.1 An applicant for a certificate renewal, regardless of certificate class, shall receive the continuing education training referred to in clause 1.1.1 of this order from an accredited training provider approved by the director.

1.3.1 An application for renewal shall include proof that the applicant has successfully completed the continuing education requirement referred to in clause 1.1.1 of this order.

1.3.2 Proof of completion of the continuing education requirement referred to in clause 1.1.1 of this order must be received by TSSA either prior to submitting a renewal application or as an attachment to the renewal application.
1.3.3 The proof of completion referred to in clause 1.3.1 of this order shall be submitted in the format set out by TSSA and must be issued by an accredited training provider.

1.4 Certificate holders who are enrolled in and attending classroom apprenticeship training (towards an EDM-A certificate) or a classroom training program (towards an EDM-B through EDM-F certificate) through an accredited training provider are exempt from the requirements of this order, so long as the training has taken place since the previous renewal.

2. BACKGROUND

A coroner’s inquest into the death of an elevator mechanic made two recommendations related to continuous education for elevator mechanics. These recommendations are shown below:

- “All elevator mechanics shall undertake periodic refresher training to ensure that they maintain their competency, particularly in areas where specific training and/or knowledge has not been utilized on a regular basis.”
- “[TSSA] shall adopt a reporting system whereby licensed mechanics would submit a summary of education, training and job experience gained during the previous two years, as a condition of re-certification.”

These recommendations were discussed at the Training & Certification Advisory Board (TCAB) which formed a subcommittee to develop continuing education training requirements for elevator mechanics. The subcommittee presented their proposal to the TCAB who endorsed the 12 hours of continuing education. As a result, all Elevating Device Mechanics will require continuing education credits in order to renew their mechanic’s certificate.

The revised Order is effective January 1, 2013. Renewal applicants with an expiry date of January 1, 2013 or later must have successfully completed the continuing education requirements before submitting a renewal application. The continuing education requirement applies to each and every certificate renewal.

NOTES:

1. Only certificates from accredited training providers will be accepted as proof of completion of the continuing education requirements. Training received from non-accredited training providers will not be accepted.

2. Only Training Providers listed on the TSSA website are to be considered accredited.

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Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000

This Order has been developed in consultation with the Elevating Devices Advisory Council and Training & Certification Advisory Board.