

# Gold Seal Certification

## Now certifying health and safety personnel

The Gold Seal Certification program will soon begin certifying personnel under the designation "Construction Safety Coordinator." Gold Seal will begin accepting applications early in 2007.

Gold Seal is the Canadian Construction Association's Canada-wide certification program. The program measures applicants against a standard for experience and competence in the following fields:

- Project Manager
- Superintendent
- Estimator
- Owner's Project Manager
- Construction Safety Coordinator.

Gold Seal defines a Construction Safety Coordinator as a jobsite

employee responsible for assisting management and other personnel in administering, developing, implementing, and monitoring the health, safety, and environment (HSE) program.

The Construction Safety Coordinator reviews and updates management on a variety of HSE issues specific to the jobsite.

Gold Seal worked in partnership with provincial safety associations across Canada to set the standards for the Construction Safety Coordinator designation.

CSAO will be involved in implementing the program.

"Extending the Gold Seal program to safety professionals will raise the bar for expertise and skill in the field," said Roy O'Rourke, CSAO's Executive Vice-President and General Manager.

"Professionals who pursue certification will have a career edge. We expect the best companies to seek them out," he said.

The certification process includes an exam. Applicants are expected to have a combination of certificates, experience, and education in the field of health, safety, and environment.

Those without sufficient background can register for Gold Seal Intern status, which requires that they work toward getting the prerequisites for certification.

Gold Seal Construction Safety Coordinators will be able to apply for the designation "Professional, Gold Seal Certified (P.GSC)" if they demonstrate annual professional development activity.

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