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Hello:

On November 22, 2019, the Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development announced the Supporting Ontario's Safe Employers (SOSE) Program, led by the Office of the Chief Prevention Officer (CPO). Today, I am happy to provide you with an important update on this program.

As of January 20, 2021, we have amended the [CPO Employer Recognition Criteria](#) to include, as acceptable [certification bodies](#), organizations that meet:

- *ISO 17021-1 Conformity assessment – Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems and the supplement 17021-10: Competence requirements for auditing and certification of occupational health and safety management systems.*

The additional certification body criteria provide:

- access to a larger pool of lead auditors for third-party audits of Occupational Health and Safety Management System (OHSMS) implementation,
- availability of additional resources to support implementation of an OHSMS, and an
- opportunity to participate in SOSE if, within 12 months of application for CPO-employer recognition, an OHSMS has been verified as implemented by lead auditors of an ISO 17021 certification body.

Employers recognized by the CPO are eligible for non-financial incentives. They may also qualify for financial incentives if they meet additional Workplace Safety and Insurance Board's (WSIB) [criteria](#).

The Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development's website has additional information on how to participate in the [SOSE](#) Program. Organizations can submit an application by visiting the [Application Portal](#). If they need assistance accessing the Application Portal they can contact [support@myskillspass.com](mailto:support@myskillspass.com).

For more information, write to [SOSE@ontario.ca](mailto:SOSE@ontario.ca). A member of our team will contact you.

Sincerely,

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