

# ACP NEWS



## Risk Based Oversight (RBO) is coming!

May 4, 2020, ESA plans to move to an inspection approach called Risk-based Oversight (RBO) for electrical wiring. Under RBO, ESA will visit low-risk electrical wiring work less often than medium or high-risk work.

Under RBO, each Notification of Work is subject to a risk analysis at the time the notification is processed. The RBO “engine” assesses nine risk areas including Who is doing the work, Where the work is being done, and What type of work is being done, and assigns a risk ranking. The risk ranking will determine the level of selective inspection for that particular job. During the application process you will not be required to provide any additional information than you currently provide today.

## ACP Annual Renewal Fee

Until May 4, 2020 continue to submit renewal forms. Upon implementation of RBO, the ACP program and ACP annual Membership fee will be discontinued. Pro-rated amounts for the unused portion of paid ACP contracts will be refunded to the Contractor with a credit to the customers account. Once this credit has been placed on the account you must request it be applied to future Invoices.

The fee for residential HVAC equipment is \$35 per site for the installation of eligible HVAC equipment.

## HVAC Installer Requirements and Quality Assurance System

Under RBO there will continue to be a dedicated process for HVAC Installers who meet the eligibility criteria – appropriate Certificates of Qualification for the specific installations, notification volume, acceptable defect ratio, and proof of \$2M Liability Insurance. Portions of the above criteria will be provided through the new RBO HVAC Program Annual Renewal Form which will be sent annually.

Contractor performance will continue to be managed under the Quality Assurance System (QAS). Under QAS, Code infractions discovered on a work site will require inspection of an additional work site from the bucket of 10 sites. If there are 3 sites with defects within a single bucket of 10 sites, or if there are Code infractions discovered at sites in each of 2 buckets within 5 consecutive buckets, the Contractor will be moved to QAS Phase II. QAS Phase II means that ESA will inspect 2 sites from every bucket of 10 sites. Once the Contractor has 5 consecutive buckets (10 inspections) with no Code violations, the Contractor is returned to Phase I (1 site inspected per bucket of 10 sites).

## Where can I get more information about RBO?

ESA has created a contractor guidebook that provides detailed information on RBO benefits, requirements and programs. The Guidebook is available at <https://www.esasafe.com/about-esa/rbo>. You can also submit questions to [rbo@electricalsafety.on.ca](mailto:rbo@electricalsafety.on.ca).

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