

# ACP NEWS

## Risk Based Oversight (RBO) is coming!

On 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. One of the nine risk areas assessed is the Contractor’s defect ratio. The risk ranking will determine the level of selective inspection for that particular job. Similarly, the risk ranking, combined with Contractor notification history and defect ratio, will determine eligibility for a pre-authorized reconnection for that job. During the application process you will not be required to provide any additional information than you currently provide today.

## Open ACP Notifications when RBO Goes Live

All ACP notifications in the system when RBO goes live will stay open and will continue to receive ACP benefits until the notification is closed. Any fee additions to pre-existing ACP notifications will include ACP discounts.

## 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).

## Changes to Defect Ratio Methodology

Currently ACP Contractors must maintain a defect ratio of  $\leq 4\%$ . The defect ratio is calculated by dividing the number of ACP notifications with one or more technical defects by the number of ACP notifications with one or more site visits. Defect and visit information are based on the previous six months. Currently, Warning Defects do not contribute to the Defect Ratio.

Under RBO Warning Defects will contribute to the Defect Ratio on a pro-rated basis: Five Warning defects = One defect for calculating the Defect Ratio.

Under RBO, the defect ratio will be take into account defects and visits on all notifications over the previous 12 months. Monthly RBO defect ratio calculations have been sent previously and will continue to be sent at the beginning of the month in March, April and May. The RBO defect ratio is not to be confused with the ACP defect ratio.

## ACP Annual Renewal Form and Fee

Until May 4, 2020 continue to submit renewal forms. Upon implementation of RBO, the ACP program, ACP annual Membership fee and the ACP Annual Renewal Form 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.

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