

SAFETY CODES OFFICER CERTIFICATION

Build your career. Become an Alberta safety codes officer.



What do safety codes officers do?

Safety codes officers, also known as SCOs, play a key role in making sure that Alberta's buildings and systems are safe. SCOs have varied and rewarding careers, with day-to-day duties that typically include:

- reviewing construction plans
- issuing permits
- performing site inspections
- providing information and advice on code requirements

SCOs have the knowledge and training to provide front-line services in code interpretation and compliance monitoring. Training from the Safety Codes Council provides advanced knowledge of the requirements for the buildings and systems that they oversee.

Seeking committed professionals

In order to become certified, applicants must meet certain entrance requirements. A few examples of these requirements are listed below.

DISCIPLINE	ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS
Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Journeyman carpenter, plumber, electrician, sheet metal worker, or bricklayer certification* and 3 years of relevant experience in the building construction industry as a certified journeyman■ High School Diploma or Grade 12 Equivalent and 7 years of relevant experience in the building construction industry**
Fire	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ High School Diploma or Grade 12 Equivalent
Electrical	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Journeyman electrician certification* and 6 years of relevant work experience as a journeyman electrician
Plumbing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Journeyman plumber certification* and 5 years of relevant experience as a journeyman plumber
Gas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Journeyman gasfitter certification* and 5 years of relevant work experience as a journeyman gasfitter

*Journeyman certification must be recognized in Alberta for this requirement to apply.

** This requirement includes a one-year participation in the Council mentorship program.

For full information on the requirements to become a certified SCO, please see the Safety Codes Council website at safetycodes.ab.ca.

Complete SCO training on your schedule

SCO training is designed to allow students to complete course work on their schedules and in the comfort of their own homes. Except when practical training is required, our courses are offered in formats that provide maximum flexibility.

- Remote learning: instructor-led courses are offered with webinar options, while self-directed courses can be completed with online and/or print resources.
- Flexible scheduling: we offer continuous intake of many of our courses and frequent dates for our scheduled offerings.
- Learn from seasoned professionals: advisors are available to help students work through technical courses and provide mentorship and insight.

Cost of SCO Certification

The cost of a single course in SCO training typically ranges from \$150–\$450, with between 4 and 9 courses needed to complete a single level of certification.

Apply for funding

The Safety Codes Council offers two main streams of assistance to help cover certification costs, including courses and fees:

- Student Awards Program: open to self-funded students who are currently residents of Alberta.
- Indigenous Student Bursary: open to Indigenous students, including those applying with the support of a First Nations community, Metis Settlement, or Indigenous organization.

Contact Us

For more information about the training and certification of safety codes officers, contact:

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