

Announcing: WHMIS Refresher Training

CEDA is introducing Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) Refresher Training. This short, online course reinforces key WHMIS requirements and introduces Chemscape, CEDA's online tool for chemical management. This training will be required every three years.

Who needs to complete training?

- All field employees who have not completed the full WHMIS training within the past three years.
- CEDA's Learning & Development team will assign the course to employees' profiles in BIS Trainer, when the training is due. The online training can be completed using a computer or mobile device.

Why is WHMIS Refresher training required?

This refresher training helps ensure that, as an organization, we:

- Stay current with Hazardous Product Regulations and WHMIS requirements.
- Maintain awareness of worker, supervisor, and employer responsibilities.
- Reinforce safe handling, storage, and emergency response related to hazardous products.

What will the course cover?

- **WHMIS Responsibilities** – A brief refresher on worker rights and the shared responsibilities of employers, supervisors, and workers, including training, labeling, safe work practices, and reporting hazards.
- **Labels & Pictograms** – A review of supplier and workplace labels and the meaning of common WHMIS pictograms, helping workers quickly recognize chemical hazards they may encounter on the job.
- **Safety Data Sheets (SDS)** – An overview of what SDSs are, why they are important, and which sections are most useful for safe handling, PPE selection, first aid, storage, and emergency response. The focus is on knowing where and how to find the information when needed.
- **Introduction to Chemscape** – A brief walkthrough of CEDA's chemical management system, Chemscape, including how to access it, search for products, and open SDSs.
- **Safe Handling Practices** – A review of general safe handling expectations, including PPE use, proper storage, spill response basics, and how to confirm specific requirements by checking the SDS in Chemscape.
- **Emergencies & Reporting** – Guidance on what to do in the event of a chemical spill or exposure, how to report hazards, missing labels, or incidents, and where to find emergency information.

The course will also review amended Hazardous Product Regulations, which include the following:

- Revised hazard classes and categories.
- Enhanced SDS content in Sections 9 (Physical / Chemical Properties) and 14 (Transport Information).
- Requirement for full disclosure of hazardous ingredients in SDSs.
- Requirement for updating labels and SDSs to conform entirely to the new regulations.

WHMIS refresher training plays an important role in maintaining a safe workplace by ensuring everyone understand the hazards they may encounter and how to work safely with hazardous products.

If you have any questions about the training or require support, please contact CEDA's Learning & Development team at training@cedagroup.com.

