

ANNOUNCEMENT

BCRSP Raises Minimum Formal Education Requirement

The Board of Canadian Registered Safety Professionals (BCRSP) has announced that it will be raising the minimum formal education requirement for certification.

Effective **January 1, 2009**, all applicants must, **as a minimum**, have successfully completed either:

- a one (1) year college or university certificate or diploma program in occupational health, safety or environment or,
- a two (2) year college or university non-occupational health, safety or environment certificate or diploma program.

In announcing this change, Board Chair, David Clark, stated, “*The issue for the Governing Board has always been when and how, not if, we were going to raise the formal education bar. The vast majority of current applicants for the Canadian Registered Safety Professional (CRSP) designation have a college diploma or undergraduate university degree. While this change may create a challenge for potential applicants with only secondary school graduation, the Board believes that the expanding field of occupational health, safety and environment requires Canadian Registered Safety Professional (CRSP) candidates to respond to this change. We believe that an implementation date of January 1, 2009 provides a sufficient window of opportunity for those wishing to make application for the designation*”.