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Hear Today, Hear Tomorrow

Industrial Audiometric Technician Training

The WorkSafeBC Hearing Loss Prevention Section **authorizes** technicians to conduct hearing tests under *Occupational Health & Safety Regulation 7.8*. However, the **training** of technicians is currently provided by the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) through its Occupational Health & Safety Program.

IAT training and refresher courses are offered at the BCIT campus at 3700 Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby. Refresher courses are also offered at various locations around the province. Course schedules and registration information can be found at <http://courses.bcit.ca/OCHS0330,OCHS3330> or by telephone at (604) 451-6733. The initial training consists of OCHS 3330 Audiometric Technician Training. The refresher course is OCHS 0330 Audiometric Technician Refresher.

Upon successful completion of training or refresher courses, the WorkSafeBC Hearing Loss Prevention Section will authorize individuals to conduct hearing tests under the *OH&S Regulation*. To be eligible for authorization, applicants must successfully complete the required BCIT courses. In addition, applicants must be sponsored by an employer under WorkSafeBC jurisdiction with a hearing conservation program, or by an authorized hearing test contractor (i.e., a business which provides hearing tests on a fee-for-service basis to industry).

WorkSafeBC will continue to notify currently authorized technicians when their authorization is due to expire. Notification will include information about refresher course registration and an application form for re-authorization.

A properly trained audiometric technician is essential to success in prevention of occupational hearing loss. Accurate hearing tests identify early signs of noise-related hearing loss, so that preventive measures can be taken. Counselling workers about hearing test results motivates them to protect their hearing. In partnership with BCIT, the Hearing Loss Prevention Section is committed to maintaining high standards in the training of audiometric technicians.

Visit our website at <http://hearingconservation.healthandsafetycentre.org/s/Home.asp> and click on IAT Authorization for more information or contact us by phone at (604)276-3090 or toll free 1-888-621-7233, local 3090.

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