

Industrial Audiometric Technician Training

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. Counseling 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.

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. The initial training consists of OCHS 3330 Audiometric Technician Training. The refresher course is OCHS 0330 Audiometric Technician Refresher."

Course schedules and registration information can be found on the BCIT website, or by phoning Student Information & Enrollment Services (SIES) at 604-434-1616 or toll-free at 1-866-434-1610.

For further course details, please contact Kathy White, OH&S Program Assistant at 604-432-8456 or 1-800-663-6542, ext 8456.

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).

Visit our website on worksafebc.com. Go to Safety at Work, and chose Hearing Loss Prevention under topics. Click on IAT Authorization for more information.

<http://www2.worksafebc.com/Topics/HearingLossPrevention/Home.asp>

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