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BCRSP Releases Updated Blueprint for the Canadian Registered Safety Professional Examination

Mississauga, ON, July 17, 2014 – The Board of Canadian Registered Safety Professionals (BCRSP) recently released an updated *Blueprint for the Canadian Registered Safety Professional Examination (CRSPEX Blueprint)*. The *CRSPEX Blueprint* will come into effect for the CRSP® examination administration in February 2015. The *CRSPEX Blueprint* was developed to guide those involved in the development of the Canadian Registered Safety Professional (CRSP)® examination and to provide the public (e.g. examinees, educators, administrators) with practical information about the examination.

A notable change to the 2015 *CRSPEX Blueprint* is that it is now composed of nine domain categories instead of eleven. The two previous domain areas of Accident Theory and Environmental Practices have had their individual competencies reallocated amongst the nine domain areas found in the 2015 *CRSPEX Blueprint*.

These domain areas are:

1. Applied Safety Fundamentals (Formerly Safety Techniques and Technology)
2. Auditing
3. Ergonomics
4. Fire Prevention and Protection
5. Health and Wellness
6. Law and Ethics
7. Management Systems (Formerly Occupational Health Safety and Environment Systems)
8. Occupational Hygiene
9. Risk Management

In 2013, the BCRSP initiated a project to update the existing CRSP® Examination (CRSPEX) Competency Profile. Assessment Strategies Inc. (ASI), based in Ottawa, Ontario, was tasked with providing the psychometric expertise and guiding the project to completion. The main purpose of this project was to obtain an evaluation of a comprehensive set of competencies for the safe practice of a safety professional.

During the initial phase of the project ASI sought input from key stakeholders such as OHS educators, study guide authors, the BCRSP Governors, and others to ensure that a diversity of opinions was considered in the development of new competencies. After collection of the feedback, a meeting was held with the Competency

Development Committee to review and develop an initial revised draft of the new competency profile. At the end of this process, an online validation survey was sent to 3,892 registered safety professionals across Canada. The response rate was 34.9%. This was a 2% increase in response rate from the previous competency survey in 2009. The data obtained from the competency survey was reviewed to determine which competencies are viewed by safety professionals as most applicable or required to be a competent safety professional. The information gathered from the survey is used to ensure that the 2015 *CRSPEX Blueprint* is aligned with current practice and knowledge of safety professionals in Canada. The BCRSP conducts a review and update of the *CRSPEX Blueprint* every five (5) years.

The *CRSPEX Blueprint* has explicit instructions and guidelines on how the competencies (e.g. knowledge, abilities, skills, attitudes, and judgment) are to be expressed within the examination for accurate decisions to be made on the ability of examinees to practice safely and effectively. A copy of the 2015 *CRSPEX Blueprint* can be found on the BCRSP's website at: <https://www.bcrsp.ca/sites/default/files/documents/2015%20CRSPEX%20BLUEPRINT.pdf>

About the BCRSP

The Board of Canadian Registered Safety Professionals (BCRSP) is a federally incorporated self-regulating, self-governing, ISO 17024 accredited and ISO 9001 certified organisation established in 1976. The BCRSP sets the standard for the certification of occupational health and safety professionals in Canada to create the healthiest and safest workplaces in the world. Professionalism, high standards, continuous learning, and an established Code of Ethics drive the BCRSP. The BCRSP grants the Canadian Registered Safety Professional (CRSP)® credential to individuals who successfully complete the certification process through application assessment, interview and examination. The Board governs its certificants in order that the public interest may be served and protected.

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