



Occupational Health and Safety Code review process

Overview

The Government of Alberta is committed to working with stakeholders to improve health and safety outcomes for workers, while reducing unnecessary administrative burden.

The Occupational Health and Safety Code (OHS Code) review process keeps workplace health and safety rules updated on a cyclical basis. Multiple phases can occur at the same time.

Guiding principles for rules in the OHS Code

Guiding principles are applied to all phases of the OHS Code review process. These help ensure the rules in the OHS Code meet the needs of Albertans and protect the health and safety of workers.

Tier 1 Principles – always meet:

- protect the health and safety of workers;
- be necessary as demonstrated by evidence; and
- not contradict other legislative requirements.

Tier 2 Principles – meet where appropriate and possible:

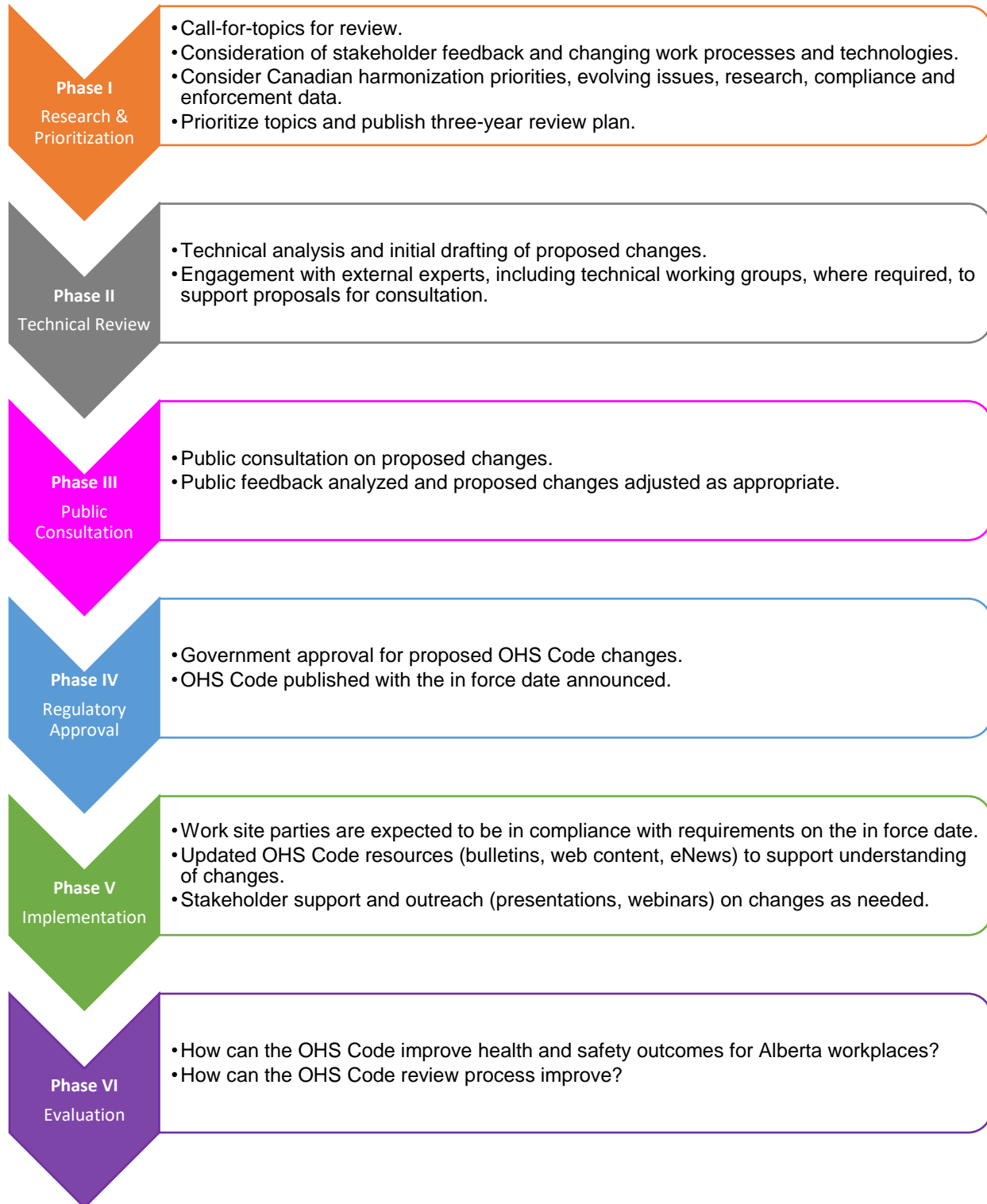
- be performance-based (focus on outcomes) where possible, and be prescriptive (state exactly what needs to be done) where necessary;
- be clear and easy to understand, minimizing the need for interpretation;
- be sufficiently comprehensive, practical and achievable, and enforceable;
- enable the internal responsibility system, which clarifies each work site party's responsibility for health and safety based upon the party's authority and control of the work site;
- remove unnecessary administrative burden for work site parties and limit unnecessary costs to government;
- consider learnings from past incidents and inspections;
- consider government priorities including interprovincial trade agreements that support harmonization and labour mobility; and
- recognize reputable third-party standards (e.g., national standards).

Have your say: OHS Code review plan

Your suggestions for future topics to be included in the OHS Code review plan are always welcome. You may submit your suggestions along with your supporting rationale by email to lbr.ohsreview@gov.ab.ca.

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Process



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