

# **Outreach Training Program New Trainer** and Student Cards (March 2016)

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), in an effort to reduce fraud, improve efficiency, and benefit workers, is introducing new and improved Outreach Training Program trainer and student course completion cards for construction, general industry, maritime, and disaster site worker. All of the OSHA Training Institute (OTI) Education Centers across the country will be participating in the new Outreach card program starting March 1, 2016.

#### **New Cards**



- Cards will be individualized for both trainers and students in construction, general industry, maritime, and disaster site workers
- Durability—Cards will be made of a plastic (credit card style) durable card stock with a standardized look including OSHA logo, OTI Education Center logo, and a QR code for authentication
- Card Fee—With the enhancement and additional fraud protection on the new Outreach cards, the OTI Education Centers will increase the fee for cards from the current \$5.00 per card to \$8.00 per card as of March 1, 2016

## **Replacement Cards**

Replacement cards will be available through the issuing OTI Education Center. Additional fees will apply and may vary.

#### Questions

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact your Authorizing Training Organization (OTI Education Center) or refer to www.osha.gov/dte/outreach.

#### **Implementation Schedule**



The new cards and electronic verification database for all in-person trainings will be implemented on March 1, 2016.

#### **Electronic Verification**

All Outreach cards will include a QR code leading to a website allowing employers and workers to verify the authenticity of each card.



#### Online Outreach 10- and 30-Hour Training

Students completing online courses receive the current paper card until further notice.

### The Outreach 10- and 30-Hour Card

- Signifies that holder has completed training on how to identify, abate, avoid and prevent job related hazards
- Voluntary safety and health training program
- Does not meet any training requirements under the OSHA standards
- Cards can only be processed by Outreach trainers through their OTI Education Center

#### **Employer / Supervisor Benefits**

- 24/7 instant electronic real-time verification of cards on your site decreases potential project downtime
- Enhanced fraud protection using the electronic database & improved card durability limiting replacement card requests

#### **Trainer Benefits**

- Shorter card processing times & fewer errors
- Increase your credibility by quickly and easily verifying your authorized Outreach trainer status

