

Transition to CPE from CQA|ACA

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ONTARIO PORK

Canadian Pork Council (CPC) along with provincial pork organizations have developed the Canadian Pork Excellence (CPE) program, a replacement for the Canadian Quality Assurance | Animal Care Assessment (CQA | ACA) program.

CPE governs three on-farm programs: PigSAFE (food safety), PigCARE (animal care) and PigTRACE (traceability).



When is the transition deadline?

Producers may transition to CPE at any time, or as part of regularly scheduled validations.

The deadline to transition to CPE has changed from **December 31, 2022** to **December 31, 2023**.

This means all producers must complete a FULL validation on the CPE program before January 1, 2024.

CPE questions?

For more information, please visit the Canadian Pork Excellence website cpc-ccp.com/cpe-faq or contact Ontario Pork's Industry and Member Services at 519-767-4600 ext.1221 or cpe@ontariopork.on.ca

What are the main changes?

- Mandatory [site manager training](#) and more robust training records. The site manager training course is available online at ontariopork.on.ca/training
- [Levels of non-compliance](#) (see Corrective Action Request [CAR] fact sheet for more details)
- [Templates](#) for Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

PigSAFE

- Annual water test (nitrates or total coliforms) results are required for barns not supplied by municipal water.
- Verified feed delivery slips (electronic or paper copy) must be kept on file.
- Written assurance that bedding is free from wood preservatives (includes bedding used on transport trucks) is required.
- Letter of guarantee from the supplier of recycled food products and/or distillers' grains is required.
- Multiple Species certification must be obtained for barns that house other domesticated animals.
- Outdoor Access certification must be completed if pigs have access to the outdoors.

PigCARE

- Pigs must be assessed for body condition, severe lameness, and injuries (abscesses, hernias, prolapses, open wounds and shoulder sores).
- Two or more enrichment options must be provided to pigs at all stages of production.
- Space allowance record(s) must be created for nursery and grow/finish pigs.
- Facilities built or renovated after July 2014 must house mated gilts and sows in groups.