New Compliance Report to Replace Passcard

The Passcard, a wallet-sized card printed with Safety Pass and harassment prevention training course completions — which serves as proof of training for motion picture and television production workers operating under the West Coast Studio Local Agreements — will no longer be issued for courses completed after December 23, 2019.

A new Compliance Report will replace the Passcard and will provide proof of training in a dynamic, accessible and comprehensive way. The Compliance Report will show which training and administrative requirements have been completed, which remain outstanding and which are upcoming. Additionally, an Official Course Transcript, like those used by schools and other educational institutions, will present a historical record of all training completed at Contract Services. Both new documents will be available in January 2020.

A Look to the Past

The new Compliance Report is just the latest manifestation of the industry’s long-standing focus on safety awareness in production. The Compliance Report and its predecessor, the Passcard, evolved from the Safety Passport, created in the 1990s.

In the mid-’90s, Contract Services and the major studios collaborated to present Cal/OSHA with the concept of an industry-wide training program. A few years later, a group of safety executives from the major studios had the idea to think of studios as countries and the production workforce as travelers between those foreign lands. Building off this idea, it was suggested that movement from one “country” to the next could be more easily facilitated by a “safety passport,” and professionals would get a stamp in their passport for each course completed.

Thus, the Safety Pass Program and attendant Safety Passport were born, which complemented studio-provided training at the time and allowed the training to be portable from employer to employer.

Meeting the Needs of the Future

In 2012, the Passcard replaced the Safety Passport as a convenient way for production workers to demonstrate their compliance with training requirements. This method of reflecting training served us well for many years, but the introduction of Refresher Training amplified the inherent limitations of the Passcard, which is static and not updated in real-time, making it ineffective for indicating upcoming training deadlines. Moreover, with a community of more than 45,000 industry professionals completing training, and each individual receiving a new card with every course completion, the number of plastic cards being printed at Contract Services has skyrocketed.

Thus, the new Compliance Report and Official Course Transcript were devised as more dynamic and eco-friendly ways to meet the industry’s needs of verifying training. Both reports will be accessible via the Contract Services Portal at www.csatf.org beginning in January 2020 and can be downloaded or emailed to employers or others, as needed. Of course, employers may also continue to verify an individual’s training and administrative compliance via Contract Services’ Online Roster, found at our website.