

Once again, AMHSA would like to thank all those who responded to the auditor's questionnaire. We received 127 responses from a mix of municipal and consultant/contract auditors. I would like to share with you three of the most significant outcomes to date.

1. Extension to the audit submission time line;
2. Improvements to audit related training; and
3. Increased flexibility in choices for auditors who wish to use Excel or eCompliance software.

AMHSA has compiled all the results and will be sharing those details very soon. In the meantime our primary objective is to use the results to help us in creating a strategic roadmap going forward.

### **Moving Forward**

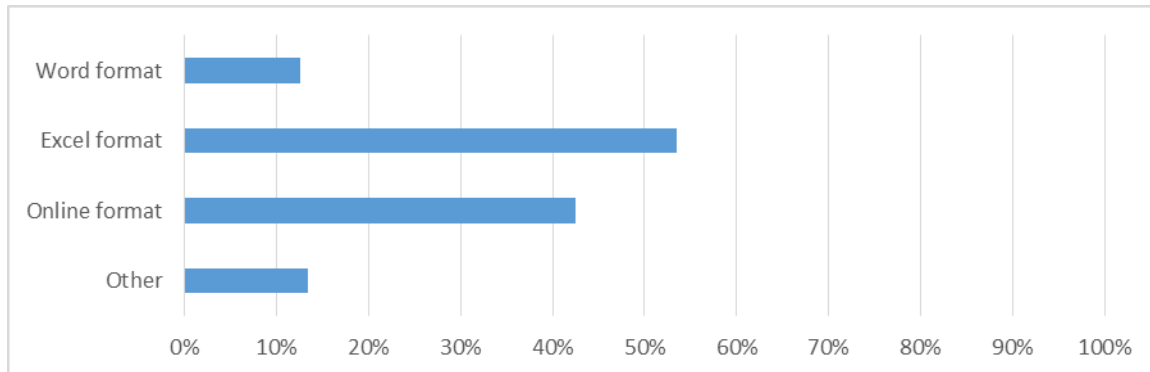
1. Effective immediately, AMHSA will be extending submission deadline for Audits from November 15th to December 1st to better facilitate the time constraints of most auditors.

*What audit submission deadline would best meet your operational needs?*

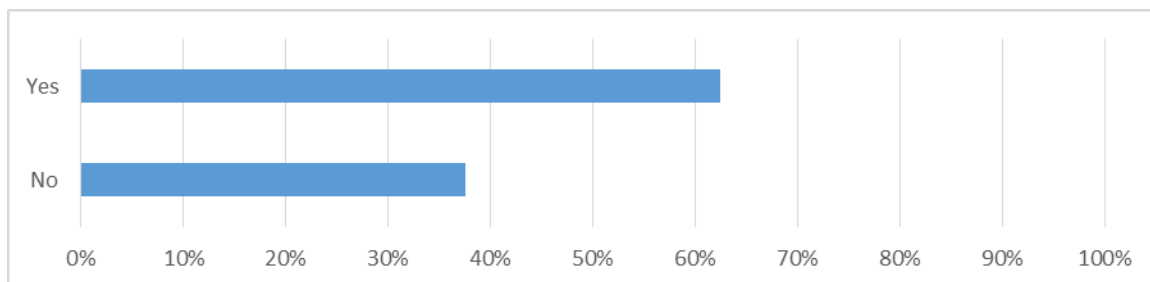
Answer Choices	Responses
<b>November 15</b>	18.03% (22)
<b>November 30</b>	33.61% (41)
<b>December 1</b>	12.30% (15)
<b>December 15</b>	13.11% (16)
<b>December 31</b>	22.95% (28)
<b>Total</b>	122

2. Effective immediately, AMHSA is revising its training for the new audit standard. This includes having a single instructor familiar with the municipal sector and new and old audit tools. Changes are being incorporated into the audit course and the health safety management systems course and recertification course.
  - There was a general consensus that AMHSA must create an effective learning environment for experienced and inexperienced auditors during this transitional process. A great instructor with good tools would go a long way in addressing that need.
3. AMHSA is planning to offer a new audit standard in two different software formats (Excel and an online format through eCompliance). Even though AMHSA was originally considering not using the eCompliance audit format, the majority of respondents wanted AMHSA to continue to offer its audit tool in the the eCompliance software format and Excel format.
  - AMHSA is incorporating some of the most popular features of the eCompliance software into its own Excel version. AMHSA is presently in negotiations with other certifying partners in sharing any costs related to changes to the eCompliance audit tool so we can also make it an optional software program for auditors

*Which format would you prefer for the audit tool?*



*Would you like AMHSA to continue to offer the audit tool in the eCompliance format?*



AMHSA will also be working to provide more communication during this transition period. Your feedback and support has helped us gain a better perspective of your needs, and we are committed to enhancing our communication with you with more frequent and detailed information. A more detailed summary of the results will be provided shortly.