

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What courses are available to be compliant with the upcoming July 2009 Implementation of Flagger Certification in NC?

A: These are a list of approved trainers for the NC program
<http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/wztc/WZTCTrainingProgram/ImportantDocs/FlaggerTraining.pdf>. Visit their web sites or contact them directly to find out when they may be offering these courses.

Q: If I have taken Flagger Training from one of the approved sources listed in the last three (3) years, do I have to take it again?

A: Contact your training source and make sure you have the entire up-to-date information specific to NC requirements. Make sure you have the 40 hours of on-the-job training required. Once you have met these requirements to the satisfaction of your trainer, you are qualified to flag in NC.

Q: How can I become an approved trainer in NC?

A: There are two ways to become an approved trainer. If you have attended and passed one of the approved TRAINER courses in the last three years, contact your trainer and make sure you have all the up-to-date information available for your course, including the Flagger Training Elements required by NC. Once you have attended a TRAINER course from one of our approved sources, you can then train others in order for them to meet the requirements of Flagger Certification in NC.

The other way to become an approved trainer is to contact the NCDOT and get them to audit your course. You will need the Flagger Training Elements as a guide to make sure you cover all the required material. Contact Meredith McDiarmid at (919) 662-4338 or Stuart Bourne at (919) 250-4159 to arrange an audit when you are ready.

Q: What are the implementation dates for the NC Work Zone Qualifications and Training Program?

A: Flaggers will be required to be properly qualified and trained by July 1, 2009.
Installers will be required to be properly qualified and trained by January 1, 2010.
Supervisors will be required to be properly qualified and trained by July 1, 2010.

Q: What are the requirements for Work Zone Flaggers?

A: Successful completion of a NCDOT approved Flagger course and 40 hours of on-the-job training. This will apply to all flaggers on NCDOT right of way.

Q: What are the requirements for Work Zone Installers?

A: Successful completion of a NCDOT approved Installer course and 6 months of on-the-job training. This will apply to at least one person per work zone traffic control installation crew on NCDOT right of way.

Q: What are the requirements for Work Zone Supervisors?

A: Successful completion of a NCDOT approved Supervisor course and 2 years of on-the-job training. This will apply to at least one person per "Significant Project". A "Significant Project" is defined as one that alone or in conjunction with other projects is anticipated to cause sustained work zone impacts to the motoring public, businesses, or local communities during construction or one that will substantially relieve existing congestion on the highway network upon its completion. Additionally, all Interstate projects within the boundaries of a Transportation Management Area (Populations greater than 200,000) that occupy a location for more than three days with either intermittent or continuous lane closures shall be considered a "Significant" project. Projects located on a Strategic Highway Corridor and/or the National Highway System (NHS) may also be designated as "Significant". "Significant Projects" will be identified in the contract and/or encroachment.

Q: Will NCDOT crews be required to meet the same requirements?

A: Yes. The motorists do not distinguish between a contractor's work zone and a NCDOT work zone. All work zone traffic control requirements are for all operations on the NCDOT right of way.

Q: How do I get my company's employees trained?

A: 1) Have your employees attend one of the NCDOT approved training courses listed on our web site <http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/wztc/WZTCTrainingProgram/default.html>.

OR

2) Send an employee representative to a TRAINER course listed on our web site <http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/wztc/WZTCTrainingProgram/default.html> and then they can come back and train the rest of your employees

OR

3) If you already have a program in place, contact Meredith McDiarmid [(919) 622-4338, mmcdiarmid@ncdot.gov] or Stuart Bourne [(919) 250-4159, sbourne@ncdot.gov] to have your class audited and approved.

Q: How often do I have to be re-certified?

A: Work Zone Traffic Control training shall be renewed every three years by attending and successfully passing an approved training course in a given category based on a person's work zone job responsibilities.

Q: Why is NCDOT requiring Work Zone Traffic Control Qualifications and Training?

A: IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO TO INCREASE THE EDUCATION, AWARENESS AND SAFETY OF NC WORK ZONES!! In addition, FHWA regulations provided in 23 CFR 630 Subpart J states "States shall require that personnel involved in the development, design, implementation, operation, inspection, and enforcement of work zone related transportation management and traffic control be trained, appropriate to the job decisions each individual is required to make." And did we mention IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO??

Q: Who can I contact if I have additional questions?

A: Contact Meredith McDiarmid at (919) 662-4338 or Stuart Bourne at (919) 250-4159 with the NCDOT with your questions