

Defensive Driving Course Information

Effective August 15, 2019, all *initial* applicants for the Escort Vehicle Operator Program will be required to submit documentation of completion a defensive driving course that has been approved by the National Safety Council in addition to a copy of their State certified driving record and application to the NCDOT Oversize/Overweight Permit Unit.

Defensive driving courses offered by North Carolina's Community College system can be found at the following link or by calling (704) 644-4218.

<http://www.safetync.org/communitycolleges.html>

Click the following link for information on courses offered at defensive driving training facilities in located in Charlotte and Raleigh.

<http://www.safetync.org/charlottedrivingclassregistrationform.html>

If you are interested in taking the defensive driving course online, follow this link. Choose "Individual Driving Courses" and select the "DDC Online, 4-hour" course.

<https://www.nsc.org/safety-training/defensive-driving/courses/online>

FAQ

Q: Am I required to take a course that is a specific length of time – ex: the 4-hour or the 8-hour course?

A: No, you may take any defensive driving course, as long as it is approved by the National Safety Council.

Q: What if I have taken the defensive driving course sometime in the past? Does the course have to be current or can I use my old certificate?

A: As long as the course you took was approved by the National Safety Council, you can use the certificate from a defensive driving course you've taken in the past.

Q: Are recerts required to take the defensive driving course?

A: No. Anyone holding a North Carolina EVO Certification with an effective date prior to August 15, 2019 is "grandfathered in" and does not have to provide documentation of a defensive driving course when recertifying.

Q: What if I let my current certification expire? Do I have to apply as an initial applicant and take the defensive driving course at that time?

A: No. If you have EVER held a North Carolina EVO Certification, you are grandfathered in and do not have to take the defensive driving course. You are only required to take the 4-hour EVO Renewal course offered by the Community College System.