

## **Escort Vehicle Operator Certification General Information and Instructions**

North Carolina requires escort/pilot vehicle drivers to be certified in accordance with 19A NCAC 02D. An 8 hour course is mandatory for initial certification which remains valid for 4 years from the issue date. Failure to maintain the conditions set forth in the aforementioned Administrative Code will immediately result in revocation of certification.

### **Initial Applicants**

#### **EVO Course Information:**

1. Complete 8 hour course administered by a participating NC Community College or third-party provider (a calendar of upcoming courses can be found [HERE](#)).
2. **\*NEW\*** A person that possesses a valid Class A commercial driver's license may sit for an escort vehicle certification examination without attending the 8 hour EVO course.

#### **To Obtain Your Escort Certification:**

Submit Escort Vehicle Operator Application to the Oversize/Overweight Permit Unit's office within 6 months of completing the EVO course/exam.

#### **Initial Application Includes:**

1. Completed Escort Vehicle Operator Certification Application form
2. A current (no older than 6 months) Certified Driving Record obtained by the Division of Motor Vehicles headquarters located in your State
3. Documentation of proof of completion of a defensive driving course that has been approved by the National Safety Council. Please see the **Defensive Driving Course Information** PDF under the **Escort Vehicle Operator Program** on our website for more information.

*Upon receipt of these items, the Oversize/Overweight Permit Unit will issue the certification after verifying that the applicant meets the criteria defined in 19A NCAC 02D.*

### **Renewal Applicants** (For previously certified drivers only)

1. Complete 4 hour course administered by a participating NC Community College or third-party provider (a calendar of upcoming courses can be found [HERE](#)).
2. Submit Escort Vehicle Operator Application form to the Oversize/Overweight Permit Unit's office within 6 months of completing the EVO course.

*Upon receipt of these items, the Oversize/Overweight Permit Unit will issue the new certification after verifying that the applicant meets the criteria defined in 19A NCAC 02D.*

### **Out of State EVO Certification Holders**

If you hold an EVO Certification in a state outside of North Carolina, please see the **Reciprocation Agreement** PDF under the **Escort Vehicle Operator Program** heading on our website.