

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:

1. Complete 8 hour course administered by a participating NC Community College (a calendar of upcoming courses can be found [HERE](#)).
2. Submit Escort Vehicle Operator Application to the Oversize/Overweight Permit Unit's office within 6 months of completing class.
3. Submit a current (no older than 6 months) Certified Driving Record to the Oversize/Overweight Permit Unit's office within 6 months of completing class.
4. ***NEW*** Submit 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: (For previously certified drivers only)

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

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.