

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.

Process for obtaining initial Escort Certification:

1. Complete 8 hour course administered by a participating NC Community College (a calendar listing the 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 current Certified Driving Record 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 certification after verifying that the applicant meets the criteria defined in 19A NCAC 02D.

Process for renewing Escort Certification: (For previously certified drivers only)

1. Complete 4 hour course administered by a participating NC Community College (a calendar listing the 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.

*North Carolina will accept documentation from other states that require their escort drivers to be certified. Please see Reciprocity Agreement for further information and list of states.