



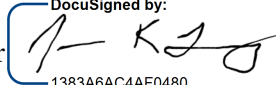
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SUBJECT: Extension of Expiring 2020 Work Zone Certification

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and its continued impacts on the availability of approved training courses, all work zone safety certifications expiring in 2020 through June 30, 2021 shall be extended to July 1, 2021. This includes Work Zone Supervisor, Work Zone Installer, and Work Zone Flagger certifications.

Individuals with certifications from Virginia and South Carolina that started working in North Carolina under the one-year grace period in 2019 through June 30, 2020 will be allowed to work with that existing certification until July 1, 2021. Any one-year grace periods granted after June 30, 2020 will expire 1 year from the date the individual started working in North Carolina.

Regarding Work Zone Installer training and certification, the implementation date shall also be extended to July 1, 2021 for all employees responsible for the setup and installation of traffic control devices within any highway right of way. However, the following practices outlined in the March 9, 2020 Work Zone Installer Certification memorandum will still apply:

- Any person certified as a Work Zone Supervisor does not have to be certified as Work Zone Installer.
- A Work Zone Supervisor shall be **on-site continuously** during all traffic control operations if the employees under their supervision have not yet been trained and certified as Work Zone Installers.
- General laborers who are not responsible for physically placing signs or devices for lane closures do not have to be certified.

A list of training providers may be found at the following web address:

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/WZTC/Pages/Training.aspx>

Approved virtual training courses are available, but space remains limited. It is the Department's expectation that all individuals working with expired certifications or without initial Installer training and certification as permitted by this memorandum will diligently pursue both. We will continue to monitor the availability of approved training and make further adjustments, as necessary. If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact Don Parker at daparker@ncdot.gov or Mike Steelman at msteelman@ncdot.gov

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