

Traffic Control Persons

A traffic control person has received training in how to regulate traffic safely past temporary workplaces on roads using a stop/slow paddle and hand signals, and who, by successful completion of the approved training program, is accredited by the province. Motorists, pedestrians, and workers rely on traffic control persons to keep them safe as they pass by temporary workplaces on the road.

Only accredited traffic control persons may direct traffic at a temporary workplace in Nova Scotia. Traffic control persons must carry their accreditation certificate while they perform their duties.

Traffic Control Person Training Program

Traffic control persons become accredited by successfully completing a one day training program developed and administered by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. A *Traffic Control Person Training Manual* has been developed which contains many of the procedures used by Nova Scotia traffic control persons. Those who are thinking about becoming a traffic control person may wish to read the manual. It is available for download by left mouse clicking the active link in this paragraph.

The traffic control person's provincial accreditation certificate is valid for 36 months after which retraining is required.

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal has qualified a number of private sector trainers who deliver the provincial training programs. Some trainers work only within a company or safety organization while others make themselves available to the public. A list of trainers who offer training to the public is available for download by left mouse clicking the active link in this paragraph.

Traffic Control Person Training Program Prerequisites

Traffic Control Persons must:

- be 16 years old, or older on the day of their training
- have good hearing in at least one ear (Must to be able to hear messages on a two-way radio; hearing aid assisted is acceptable.)
- have good eyesight (The standard for eyesight is the same as for a Class 5 drivers licence.)
- have no diseases of the nervous system that could cause black-outs, etc. (The standards for diseases of the nervous system are the same as for a Class 5 drivers licence.)

- have no other impediment that would prevent them from safely performing the duties of a traffic control person (For example, a traffic control person may have to hold a stop/slow paddle in very windy conditions, or may have to move quickly to avoid being struck. Those with significant limitations that would prevent them from safely performing these duties could not be a traffic control person.)
- Traffic control persons should be reliable and even tempered. They should have a demonstrated ability to make good decisions.

Accommodation for people with disabilities may be possible. If required, discuss your needs with a trainer.