

Texas Escort Flaggers

What is an Escort Flagger? An escort flagger is anyone who directs or controls the flow of traffic as required by an oversize/overweight permit issued by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

Is training required to be an escort flagger? YES - Texas Transportation Code requires any escort flagger, as defined above, to complete a training program in traffic direction approved by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE). This is the result of the passage of House Bill 2620, which took effect September 1, 2019.

Is training required to operate an escort vehicle? NO - Training requirements do not apply to escort vehicle operators or flaggers who are not directing traffic. ***Only an escort flagger who is going to flag/direct traffic is required to have the training.*** If a person is only going to drive an escort flag vehicle but not get out and direct traffic, then that person does not need training.

How will law enforcement know I have completed a training program? Show proof of training/certification when requested - The escort flagger is responsible for maintaining proof of program completion (such as a certificate) and providing that proof to law enforcement if asked to do so. Proof may be provided electronically.

I already have an escort flagger or pilot car certification from another state, is that acceptable? YES - If you have an escort flagger certification or a Pilot/Escort Vehicle certification that is accepted by another state that requires certification, then that certification is acceptable in Texas.

Where do I find a list of training that meets the escort flagger training requirement? The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, with input from industry stakeholders, provides the list of available training for escort flaggers below. ***Any training that is accepted by another state for an escort flagger or pilot/escort vehicle operator will also be acceptable in Texas.***

Available Escort Flagger Training (**this list is not all inclusive**)

American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA)

<https://www.atssa.com/Training/Flagger-Training-Courses/Classroom-Training>

Evergreen Safety Council – Pilot/Escort Vehicle Operator Certification

<https://www.esc.org>

National Safety Council (NSC)

<https://www.nsc.org/safety-training/workplace/work-zone-safety/flagger-novice>

Pit Row Services - Pilot Car Certification Class

<https://www.pitrow.services>

RSA Network – Pilot/Escort Certification Course

<https://rsanetwork.com>

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX)

<https://teex.org/Pages/Class.aspx?course=HWS110&courseTitle=Flaggers+in+Work+Zones>

University of Texas at Arlington/Texas Local Technical Assistance Program (UTA/LTAP)

<https://web-ded.uta.edu/wconnect/CourseStatus.awp?&Course=ttshom#3>

<http://www.txltap.org/training.cfm>