National Highways Sector Scheme Training 12A Traffic Safety & Control Officer / Traffic Safety Supervisor

Duration:
Two Days.

Group Size:
Maximum 8 delegates.

Who Should Attend?
Anyone working on high-speed (50mph>) dual carriageways and motorways as a Traffic Safety and Control Officer / Traffic Safety Supervisor.

Course Aims:
On successful completion of the course candidates will be able to demonstrate that they have:

- a minimum satisfactory level of knowledge of the TSCO / TSS role.
- a comprehensive awareness of the TSCO's / TSS's responsibilities
- a detailed level of knowledge of Temporary Traffic Management standards.

Pre-requisites:
To be registered as a Traffic Safety and Control Officer you must:

- Hold a valid NHSS12a Foreman certificate or card.
- Hold a valid 3-day First Aid at Work certificate in accordance with the H&S (First Aid) Regulations 1981.
- Hold a minimum of a Level 2 safety awareness training course award issued by IOSH, NEBOSH or CITB (see note below).
- Hold a valid TSCO / TSS certificate.

NB: In accordance with the NHSS12AB sector scheme requirements, from 1st September 2021 the safety awareness training course may be one of the following:

- IOSH – Managing Safely – with date of issue no longer than 5 years
- IOSH - Directing Safely – with date of issue no longer than 5 years
- CITB - Site Management Safety Training Scheme (SMSTS)
- CITB – Site Supervisors Safety Training Scheme (SSSTS)
- NeBOSH – General Certificate in Occupational Safety and Health
- NeBOSH – Certificate in Construction Health and Safety
- NeBOSH – International general certificate in Occupational Safety and Health
- NeBOSH – National Diploma in Occupational Safety and Health
- NeBOSH – International Diploma in Occupational Safety and Health

To be registered as a Traffic Safety Supervisor (from September 2025) you must also : *(See Raising the Bar 29 Appendix 3 below)*

- Hold a valid Conflict Management Training qualification.
- Hold a valid Safety Critical Medical.
- Hold a valid NHSS12 D M6 or M7 qualification.
- Hold a valid CSCS Manager in a category relevant to Highways or one issued by LANTRA.
- Should hold a valid DBS Check
- Should hold a valid NHSS 12C Supervisor or NHSS 12C Planning Officer Qualification

Course Objectives:
The objectives of the course are to cover the following key criteria for the role of a Traffic Safety and Control Officer / Traffic Safety Supervisor:

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The Traffic Safety and Control Officer / Traffic Safety Supervisor

- Clients, Police, Traffic Officers, Maintaining Agents, Contractors.
- Highways Act 1980
- Traffic Management Act 2004
- National Highways Raising the Bar Document(s)
- TSCO / TSS Roles, Responsibilities and Powers
- TSCO / TSS Knowledge
- TSCO / TSS record keeping

Planning and Controlling the Works

- TTRO's and Road space (SRWID)
- RCC's and VMS signs
- Vehicle Restraint Systems *(NHSS 2A legacy systems & 10)*
- Reviewing the TM Method statement
- Assessing work site activities in relation to the TM plan
- Communicating the plan to other parties
- Enforcement of the TTRO
- Recovery Operations *(NHSS 17 - For Vehicle Recovery at Highway Construction Sites etc)*
- Abnormal Loads

Emergency Planning and Liaison

- Emergency Routes
- Dealing with incidents
- Emergency Traffic Management
- Organising and coordinating Rolling Blocks
- Reports of Incidents
- Winter Maintenance

Certification:

Upon successful completion candidates will be issued with a NHSS12 Traffic Safety & Control Officer / Traffic Safety Supervisor Certificate (valid for 2 years).

A full NHSS12A Traffic Safety and Control Officer will be issued upon presentation of all the required certificates detailed in the pre-requisites. (Valid for 5 years)



Appendix 3 – Qualification Requirements

Course / Qualification / Registrations	Traffic Safety & Control Officer (TSCO) – Changing to Traffic Safety Supervisor (TSS)			Traffic Management Manager (TMM)			Traffic Management Designer (TMD)		
	Oct 2023 Immediate	Oct 2024 - Sept 2025	Sept 2025 onward (TSS)	Oct 2023 Immediate	Oct 2024 – Jun 2025	Jun 2025 onward	Oct 2023 Immediate	Oct 2024 - Jun 2025	Jun 2025 onward
NHSS 12A Traffic Safety and Control Officer (pre-1st September 2021 Qualification	Must Hold			Must Hold					
NHSS 12 Traffic Safety Supervisor (Traffic Safety and Control Officer (Post 1st September 2021 level 2 Qualification)	May Hold		Must Hold		Must Hold [1 2]				
NEBOSH Construction Certificate or IOSH Managing Safely or CITB Site Managers Safety Training Scheme as a minimum	May Hold	Must Hold		May Hold	Must Hold			Must Hold	
CSCS Manager in a category relevant to Highways or one issued by LANTRA	May Hold		Must Hold	May Hold	Must Hold		May Hold	Must Hold	
NHSS 12D M6 or M7 (level 2)		Must Hold			Must Hold		Must hold [1]		
NHSS 12C Supervisor or 12C Planning Officer			Should Hold		May Hold				
Institute of Highways Engineers (IHE) Professional Certificate or alternative recognised Temporary Traffic Management Engineering Course at Level 4			May Hold		Must Hold		Should Hold	Must Hold	
Institute of Highways Engineers (IHE) Professional Diploma or alternative recognised Temporary Traffic Management Engineering Course at Diploma level at level 5 or above					Should hold	Must Hold		Should Hold	Must Hold
Post nominals of 'RegTTME'					May hold	Must Hold		Must Hold	
Engineering Technician 'EngTECH' or higher registration with the Engineering Council					May hold	Must Hold			Must Hold
First aid in the workplace training	Must Hold								
Conflict management training		Must hold							
DBS Check		Should Hold							
Safety Critical Medical		Must Hold							

Key: Must Hold – Mandatory Requirement / Should Hold – Strongly Recommended / May Hold – Benefit Identified

1 – Must hold until the level 5 Professional Diploma in TTM achieved
2 – Must still hold if acting as TSS