
Overview

This standard is about escorting vehicles to a place of safety, which may be to a location off the high speed road network. This does not cover the additional, specialised competences required towards, for example, escorting dangerous loads, processions, VIPs and Category 'A' prisoners.

It includes planning your route, controlling and positioning your vehicle safely and correctly at all times, and taking appropriate action at junctions.

It is a requirement of this standard that you also hold a current, full national driving licence.

Maintaining your own health and safety, and that of other road-users, is of paramount importance.

There is one element:

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 ensure that your vehicle is safe and equipped appropriately for the escort intended
- P2 ensure that the driver of the vehicle being escorted understands your role in the escort, and understands and agrees to the location of the destination to which you are providing the escort
- P3 establish your role in the escort and confirm the planned route
- P4 take into account the road type, time of day or night, traffic volume, road surface, visibility, weather conditions, length and timing of the escort, the other personnel involved and safety during the escort
- P5 operate your vehicle effectively, driving at an appropriate speed throughout in accordance with the type of the escort being provided
- P6 position your vehicle correctly in accordance with type of escort being provided
- P7 maintain clear communication with others involved in the escort as required
- P8 take appropriate action at junctions, traffic lights and roundabouts to ensure the safe passage of other road users
- P9 show due consideration for members of the public and other road-users throughout, acknowledging any assistance provided by them where appropriate
- P10 deal with individuals in an ethical manner, recognising their needs with respect to race, diversity and human rights
- P11 inform relevant others promptly if problems or difficulties arise during the escort
- P12 keep accurate and complete documentation relating to the escort as required

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

Legal and organisational requirements

- K1 the requirements of current legislation, relevant procedures, and guidelines in relation to escorting vehicles to a place of safety and their impact for your area of operations
- K2 legislation, policies and procedures relating to data protection, health and safety, race and diversity, and their impact for your area of operations
- K3 the requirements of the Highway Code
- K4 your levels of responsibility and authority, and the actions to take should such levels be exceeded

Escorting other vehicles

You need to know and understand:

- K5 the geography of the road network for which you are responsible
- K6 the types of equipment required for escort
- K7 your organisation's requirements relating to the use of a safe and appropriate uniform when providing an escort
- K8 how to drive and position vehicles safely and efficiently during escort
- K9 how to take into account the route, road type, time of day or night, traffic volume, road surface, visibility, weather conditions, length and timing of the escort, other personnel and safety when planning your route, and undertaking the escort
- K10 the importance of considering and taking account of the safety of yourself and others at all times during the escort
- K11 how to maintain effective levels of communication with others throughout the escort
- K12 the action to take at junctions, traffic lights and roundabouts to ensure the safe passage of the escorted vehicle(s)
- K13 the problems or difficulties that may arise during escort and the appropriate action to take

Documentation

You need to know and understand:

- K14 relevant documentation relating to escorts and how to complete this

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