

Virginia Work Zone Traffic Control Training Options

The following three options are available to receive Work Zone Traffic Control (WZTC) training based on an individual's job duties and responsibilities as required by the FHWA Final Rule on Work Zone Safety and Mobility and the Virginia Department of Transportation:

Option 1 – Have someone become a qualified instructor in your company, who can then instruct others for you using training material from VDOT. The following qualifications are needed for teaching the VDOT Basic, Intermediate, or Advanced WZTC training courses:

- **Basic** – Be flagger certified either by VDOT or by the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA); possess two years of practical experience in Highway Design, Construction, Maintenance, or Traffic Operations; possess two years of documented experience in conducting training courses; and successfully complete the VDOT WZTC Intermediate or Advanced course or complete the ATSSA Virginia Intermediate/Traffic Control Supervisor (TCS) course.
- **Intermediate** - Be flagger certified either by VDOT or by ATSSA; possess two years of practical experience in Highway Design, Construction, Maintenance, or Traffic Operations; possess two years of documented experience in conducting training courses; complete and possess the ATSSA Virginia Intermediate/TCS certification.
- **Advanced** - Be flagger certified either by VDOT or by ATSSA; possess two years of practical experience in Highway Design, Construction, Maintenance, or Traffic Operations; possess two years of documented experience in conducting training courses; complete and possess the ATSSA Virginia Advanced Traffic Control Design Specialist (TCDS) certification or ATSSA Virginia Intermediate TCS certification.

To become an approved instructor, an application must be completed listing the above qualifications and sent to the chairman of VDOT's WZST committee:

http://www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/wztc/wztc_inst_app_form.pdf

Once a person has become an approved instructor, training material can be obtained from VDOT using the order form at the following location (the order form requires an approved instructor number):

http://www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/wztc/WZTC_order_form.pdf

Option 2 – Obtain the services of an approved instructor from VDOT's Approved WZTC Instructor List to teach the course or courses you need for your employees. The Approved WZTC Instructor's List is at the following location: <http://www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/ApprovedWZTCInstructors.pdf>

Option 3 – Send personnel to classes conducted by approved sources such as ATSSA or the Virginia Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP). Courses in Virginia by ATSSA can be found here: http://atssa.com/cs/course_information/courses_by_state?state=56. Courses by LTAP can be found here: <http://ltap.cts.virginia.edu/workshops.php>. Basic WZTC courses by the Virginia Rural Water Association can be found here: <http://www.vrwa.org/> (Look under Training Schedule). Training by the Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance (VTCA) will be located here shortly: <http://vtca.org/>

For additional information about Virginia's Work Zone Traffic Control training program, please visit the following site: <http://www.virginiadot.org/business/trafficeng-WZS.asp>