

National Highways Approved Certificate of Competency

Course Overview

A two-day training course designed for experienced Road Safety Auditors who wish to obtain their National Highways Approved Certificate of Competency. The course updates Road Safety Auditors on a variety of topics in highway design and road safety to help them carry out road safety audits to a consistently high standard.

Students will need to be able to demonstrate the training and experience requirements detailed in GG 119, as well as attending the course and passing the test, to gain the Certificate of Competence.

National Highways issued the DMRB Road Safety Audit Standard in order to demonstrate compliance with EC Directive 2008/96/EC. All teams undertaking Road Safety Audits on the trunk road network throughout the UK will require a National Highways Approved Certificate of Competency. This course has been formally approved by National Highways to provide such a certificate and conforms to the syllabus for Certificate of Competency training set out by National Highways.

Aims and Objectives

The aim of the course is to provide UK Road Safety Auditors with a route to Certificate of Competency and to keep Road Safety Auditors up-to-date with latest developments. The course also encourages delegates to share ideas and experience.

Topics Covered

This two-day course focuses on the following key areas:

- EU Directive on Road Safety Infrastructure Management (2008/96/EC) inc GG 119 Road Safety Audit
- Road Safety Audit procedures
- Why do Road Safety Auditors have to keep up to date - including road safety policy and targets, what new research and advice has come out including recent advice
- Recent guidance including turning off street lighting, IAN 149/11 Motorway Minimum Requirements, IAN 111/09 Hard Shoulder Running, Managed Motorways 161/15, High Speed Roads DMRB advice
- Recent research in Road Safety
- Passive safety from a Road Safety Audit point of view
- Motorcycle Safety, some issues for Road Safety Audit
- Legal issues in Road Safety Audit including Corporate Manslaughter
- Control data and research sources for Road Safety Auditors
- Safety issues at links and junctions for Road Safety Auditors
- Delegates will have an opportunity to bring along to the course examples of schemes they have audited which have brought to light difficult issues



Certificate of Competency

Prior to attending the course, delegates should ensure that they comply with the training, skills and experience requirements of GG 119. Upon completion of the course, auditors will be asked to undertake a road safety engineering based knowledge test. Those that achieve a pass grade will then be invited to submit evidence of their compliance with GG 119, along with design stage and Stage 3 Road Safety Audit reports, for assessment. A minimum of 6 significant road safety issues are required for assessment at both design stage and Stage 3. The information submitted must focus on work undertaken on the strategic road network or comparable roads. Evidence must also be provided of recent collision analysis experience, giving details of around 50 collisions analysed in a 3- or 5-year period at one or more locations, within the last 2 years.

In order to comply with the requirements of GG 119, candidates will need to demonstrate that they have 10 days formal AIP and RSE training and that the audits have been carried out in teams, that they have attended the required site visits as part of that team, that their summary/description of the RSA problem clearly describes a road safety risk, and that the recommendation is proportionate and viable in relation to the stage of audit. The phrasing of the recommendation should avoid words like "consider", "monitor" and "must". The RSA reports submitted should include the team leaders' concluding statement, and a list of the drawings and other information reviewed as part of the audit process.

For remote online versions of the course, the knowledge test will be completed over video conferencing. You will need access to a computer with a webcam in order to undertake the knowledge test.

Delegates who achieve the Certificate of Competency should note that whilst the qualification only needs to be passed once, they will need to maintain their CPD on an annual basis.

Certification

Delegates completing this course will receive a CPD certificate of attendance, recognised by both the IHE and CIHT, regardless of the outcome of the test and submission stages. Upon completing both additional stages successfully, this will be replaced with the full Certificate of Competency.

Course Fees

For accurate information on pricing, please refer to the relevant website page.

Booking

To make a booking on the course please choose from the following options (via our website):

- Online booking
- Offline booking form (only available on request)

In-House Training

This course can be delivered in-house at your offices or at a suitable venue. In-house training can often work out more cost effective if you have several members of staff you would like to be trained at any one time.

If you would like a quotation or further information regarding our in-house training, please contact us using one of the enquiry forms on our website.



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