

## **Temporary Workplace Signer**

A temporary workplace signer is a person who has been trained in the principles and practices of traffic control and who, by successful completion of the approved training programs, is accredited by the province. Temporary workplace signers are designated by their employers to fulfil the employer's legal obligations for compliance with the Temporary Workplace Traffic Control Manual, at their sites. Temporary workplace signers must carry their accreditation certificate while they perform their duties.

The temporary workplace signer position is one of great authority and responsibility at a temporary workplace. Those chosen and designated by employers are typically at the supervisory level. They have authority over personnel and have access to the physical and financial resources needed to ensure workplaces are in compliance with provincial standards. Where traffic control safety issues impact a workplace, temporary workplace signers act immediately and decisively to ensure everyone's safety (this may include shutting down a workplace).

### **Temporary Workplace Signer Training Program**

Temporary workplace signers become accredited by taking training developed and administered by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. Training for temporary workplace signers is at a high level and takes two days. It includes instruction on the contents of the Temporary Workplace Traffic Control Manual, and how to apply the information in the Manual to provide for worker and road-user safety.

The provincial accreditation certificate is valid for 36 months, after which retraining is required.

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal has qualified a number of private sector trainers who deliver the provincial training programs. Some trainers work only within a company or safety organization while others make themselves available to the public. A list of trainers who offer training to the public is available for download by left mouse clicking the active link in this paragraph.

### **Temporary Workplace Signer Training Program Prerequisites**

Temporary workplace signers must ensure the effectiveness of traffic control persons and, therefore, must understand in detail the responsibilities of traffic control persons. To meet this requirement a valid traffic control person accreditation certificate is necessary on the day temporary workplace signer training begins.

Temporary workplace signers must have strong reading and interpretive skills. They must be able to write and must possess excellent oral communication skills. (Temporary workplace signers have to be able to teach detailed instructions to others so that they in turn can follow procedures correctly.)

In common with traffic control persons, temporary workplace signers must

- be 16 years old, or older on the day the training begins
- have good hearing in at least one ear (Must to be able to hear messages on a two-way radio; hearing aid assisted is acceptable.)
- have good eyesight (The standard for eyesight is the same as for a Class 5 drivers licence.)
- have no diseases of the nervous system that could cause black-outs, etc. (The standards for diseases of the nervous system are the same as for a Class 5 drivers licence.)
- have no other impediment that would prevent them from safely performing the duties of a temporary workplace signer

Accommodation for people with disabilities may be possible. If required, discuss your needs with a trainer.