

## CHAPTER 50. SIZE AND WEIGHT PERMITS

### SUBCHAPTER 5. SIZE AND WEIGHT PERMIT LOAD

#### **730:50-5-17. Certification of operators of escort vehicles for hire**

(a) **Requirements.** Every person who drives an escort vehicle for hire to escort a permitted over-dimensional load or vehicle in this state must be certified by the Department of Transportation. To be certified, the person must meet the following requirements:

- (1) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- (2) Possess a valid driver license from the state or jurisdiction in which the person is a resident.
- (3) Submit an application for certification to the Size and Weight Permit Division of the Department of Transportation on the form provided by the Department of Transportation. The application must contain all required information including a driving record issued within the immediately preceding thirty (30) days.
- (4) Attend a course in escort vehicle certification, as prescribed by the Department of Transportation, and successfully pass the escort vehicle certification examination.

(b) **Course and examination.** The course will be taught by the Oklahoma State University ~~Center for Local Government Technology College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology (CEAT)~~. Courses will be taught at locations throughout the state. Class size shall be determined by the Oklahoma State University Center for Local Government Technology CEAT. ~~Locations, times, and enrollment information are available by calling (405) 744-6049, or online at clgt.okstate.edu.~~

(c) **Certification.** The Department of Transportation will grant a certification card to any person who completes an escort vehicle course prescribed by the Department of Transportation, passes the escort vehicle certification examination with a score of seventy-five percent (75%) or higher, and satisfies all other requirements.

(1) The term of the certification shall be for a maximum period of five (5) years, subject to subsection (d), and shall expire automatically five (5) years after the date of issuance. Upon expiration of the certification, the operator must again comply with the requirements in (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), and (a)(4) of this Section before the Department of Transportation will issue a new certificate.

(2) Operators must notify the Department of Transportation, Size and Weight Permit Division in writing within thirty (30) days of any change of address or name.

(d) **Denial or withdrawal of certification.** The following circumstances shall result in denial or withdrawal of certification:

- (1) Failure to satisfy the requirements of or failure to give required or correct information on the application for certification as an escort vehicle operator, or the commission of any fraud in making the application.
- (2) Violation of rules established by the certifying state.
- (3) Suspension, revocation, cancellation, or denial of the driver license of the certified operator. The certified operator shall notify the Department of Transportation, Size and Weight Permit Division, within five (5) days of any such suspension, revocation, cancellation, or denial, and shall provide the Division a copy of the Order from the Department of Public Safety documenting the suspension, revocation, cancellation, or denial of the driver license.

(e) **Hearing.** Any party aggrieved by the denial or withdrawal of certification under this Section may request a hearing, in writing, with the Department of Transportation by sending the hearing request to the Office of General Counsel, 200 N.E. 21st, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

(f) **Certification by other states.** An escort vehicle operator shall possess an Oklahoma certification, unless the escort vehicle operator is a resident of a state other than Oklahoma which has a reciprocal agreement with Oklahoma recognizing escort vehicle operator certifications issued by that state [47 O.S., §14-120.1(E)] and is in possession of a current escort vehicle operator certification issued by that state. Under all circumstances, an escort vehicle operator who is an Oklahoma resident shall have an Oklahoma certification.