



Point TO Point



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*Where can I order more heat stress manuals?
Have my students received their photo ID cards?
When will we receive the new exams?*

These are just a few of the many questions that I answer each day, while processing TCP cards and other paperwork relating to the TCP program.

My name is Alysha Torrence, and I've been given the opportunity to share with you a bit about myself, so that when you call our office with your questions regarding the TCP program you'll already know a few details about who you are talking to.

Throughout high school I worked at the Construction Safety Network on many occasions doing a variety of tasks, and when I graduated in 2004 I began working 3 days a week to help ensure that the TCP program ran smoothly. Along with helping to administer the standardized TCP program for BC, I am also a qualified Traffic Control Person myself. Besides working part time at the Safety Network, I am also working towards a degree in English Literature, and am currently finishing my second year at Capilano College. Next year I plan to further my education by attending either UBC or UVIC.

I look forward to working together with you in 2006!

TRAFFIC CONTROL PERSON RE-QUALIFICATION PROCESS

Upon successful completion of the standardized two-day TCP training course, participants are issued a permanent photo ID card, which expires after three years. The long-awaited TCP re-qualification process has now been finalized! The Construction Safety Network has reached an agreement with WorkSafe BC, which will allow for the following re-qualification process to take place:

- Three months prior to expiry, the Construction Safety Network will issue a letter to TCPs informing them that their certificates will expire and what the process for re-qualification is.
- TCPs will be given information on the format of the re-qualification exam, what to bring with them, and locations throughout the province where they will be able to take the exam.
- Although this is a challenge exam, the Construction Safety Network has arranged that in preparation for the exam, a pre-reading booklet will be

downloadable free of charge from our website. We have also developed the curriculum for an optional one-day refresher course which TCPs may take in preparation for the exam. (See page three for more details about how TCP instructors can become qualified to teach the one-day refresher course.)

- TCPs will visit the location most convenient for them and take the exam. They will have two attempts at passing the exam, at a cost of \$ 25.00 per time.
- If they fail the first time, they will be encouraged to do further preparatory study and/or take the one-day refresher course in preparation for their second attempt.
- If a TCP fails a second time, they will be required to re-take the entire two-day TCP course by which they were originally certified.
- Upon successful completion of the exam, TCPs will be issued a temporary

certificate, valid for three months from date of issue, which will be followed by another permanent photo ID card, valid for another three years.

The TCP re-qualification process has been a culmination of discussions with all of our stakeholders, including our Master Trainers, Technical Advisory Committee, and Board of Directors. We are confident that it will meet the needs of the industry and look forward to rolling it out in the near future.

The Construction Safety Network would like to make all TCP instructors aware that as of July 2005, TCP cards may no longer be issued to the instructor or to a third-party agency. All TCP cards must be issued directly to the qualified TCP. Instructors who wish to receive copies of the original TCP photo ID cards may request these by making a note on their Form B.

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Instructor Re-Qualification

The Construction Safety Network would like to announce that the following re-certification process has been developed for instructors wishing to renew their TCP instructor certification:

- Those instructors who are in good standing with the Construction Safety Network and whose certification will be expiring in 2006 must make a request to the Construction Safety Network in writing to have their certification renewed prior to their expiry date.

- Those instructors wishing to renew their certification will take a two-day training session, at a cost of \$100.00 plus GST, followed by a re-qualification exam. Upon successful completion, instructors will sign a teaching contract and receive a permanent photo ID card allowing them to teach for three more years.

- If instructors allow their certification to expire and do not renew within six months of expiry, they will no longer be allowed to renew their certification. Instead, they must re-do the entire three-day training session by which they were originally certified.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to make the roads a safer place to work!

CALL FOR MASTER TRAINERS

The Construction Safety Network's standardized TCP program owes a lot to our seven current Master Trainers throughout the province: Nicole Biernaczyk, Earlene Bitterman, Rick Cox, Donna Curveon-Johnson, Dennis Hannam, John Marriott, Vicki Skjeie. These hard working individuals have provided us with invaluable expertise regarding the traffic control industry, and have assisted us in developing the course curriculum, teaching traffic control instructors, and auditing instructors to ensure the integrity of the program is kept at a high standard.

The Master Trainer contracts are expiring. We are calling for any current instructor who wishes to apply to become a Master Trainer to do so. We will be reducing the number of Master Trainers to only five individuals, geographically dispersed throughout the province. The Construction Safety Network does not anticipate that Master Trainers will be given a significant amount of work over the course of their three-year terms, but they should be available upon request.

If you would like to be considered as a Master Trainer, please send a letter of application, along with your resume of relevant experience to the Construction Safety Network. Potential candidates will meet the following prerequisites:

- Certified Traffic Control Instructors
- In Good Standing with the Construction Safety Network
- Have taught a minimum of six courses in the past three years
- Actively participating in the Traffic Control industry

Applications will be accepted by mail/courier only. Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted. No applications will be accepted after April 13, 2006.

Questions regarding this matter should be sent in writing to Leah Altizer at the Construction Safety Network. You can email your queries to info@safetynetwork.bc.ca No phone calls, please.

This is a reminder that paperwork from TCP classes must be submitted to the Construction Safety Network immediately upon completion of the course. This includes the following:

- Form B
- Theory Exams
- Evaluation Forms
- Passport-sized Photos

This must be done promptly to ensure that TCPs will receive their permanent photo ID cards prior to expiry of their three-month temporary certificates.

Traffic Control Refresher Course

As outlined on page one of this newsletter, in order to re-qualify as a TCP, each individual will be expected to pass a challenge exam, available online at a location in your community

While the challenge exam is designed so that an individual regularly working in the traffic control industry should have the knowledge to successfully complete it, the Construction Safety Network has developed two optional tools which TCPs may wish to take advantage of in preparation for the exam.

The first tool will be a pre-reading booklet, downloadable free of charge from our website. This will give TCPs updates that have taken place in the traffic control industry since they were first trained in the two-day course, as well as reminders that will help them in writing the exam.

The second tool is a one-day refresher course, which will be taught by qualified TCP instructors who take an additional training session from the Construction Safety Network. Upon completion of the course, TCPs will be better equipped to take the challenge exam.

If you are a qualified TCP instructor, in good standing with the Construction Safety Network, and are interested in becoming qualified to teach the one-day refresher course, please notify Leah at the Construction Safety Network in writing before March 31, 2006.

BEST PRACTICE FOR SLOW MOVING WORK ZONES

The CSN has joined with the BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association and WorkSafe BC to examine the issue of the use of Traffic Control Person(s) when a company is engaged in a slow moving work operation. This arose as a result of orders being written by WorkSafe BC in 2005 and the application of the Ministry of Transportation's Manual for Work on Roadways Section 3.2.2. To do this work, we have engaged a consultant who has spoken with several individuals with extensive experience in road construction, maintenance, and traffic control in order to provide input. Once a draft is available, we will be working with the BC Road Builders to have a broader consultation throughout the industry. Stay tuned to future Point To Point issues for an update on this work.