

NRA HD 19 Road Safety Audit – Audit Team Qualifications

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Summary:

This Standard covers the Qualification requirements for the Audit Team appointed to carry out Road Safety Audits on the National Road Network.

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1. INTRODUCTION

General

The objective of this document is to set out the current qualification requirements for a Road Safety Audit Team appointed to carry out Audits in accordance with NRA HD 19 Road Safety Audit on the National Road Network.

Definitions

1.1 Road Safety Audit

An independent detailed systematic and technical safety check relating to the design characteristics of a road infrastructure project and covering all stages from planning to early operation.

1.2 Audit Team

A competent Audit team consists of a minimum of two persons, independent of the Designer and approved by the Overseeing Organisation. For schemes designed by the Contractor the *Audit Team* shall be from a completely separate organisation to the Contractor or Designer (employed by the Contractor).

1.3 Audit Team Leader (ATL)

The person appointed as *Audit Team Leader*.

1.4 Audit Team Member (ATM)

The person or persons appointed as *Audit Team Member*.

1.5 Audit Trainee (AT)

An Engineer who wishes to train as a road safety auditor, and who takes part in the audit as a named observer.

2. QUALIFICATIONS

2.1 Audit Team Leader (ATL)

An Audit Team Leader should preferably be a road safety engineer with at least two years experience of collision investigation and remedial measures.

They will have taken part in ten road safety audits as team member and will have attended an accredited three to five day course in road safety audit theory and practice.

In some instances, a road engineer with at least two years experience in road design will qualify provided they have taken part in ten road safety audits as team member and have attended a two week accredited Road Safety Engineering course as well as the three to five day course in road safety audit theory and practice.

An Audit Team Leader will have completed as team member at least two audits of a similar stage and scheme type to that for which approval is being sought.

They will also have done at least five road safety audits within the preceding two years.

2.2 *Audit Team Member (ATM)*

An Audit Team Member will be a road safety engineer, road design engineer or road traffic engineer.

They will have taken part as trainee in five road safety audits, and will have attended an accredited three to five day course in road safety audit theory and practice.

2.3 *Audit Trainee (AT)*

A Trainee will be a road safety engineer, road design engineer or road traffic engineer, who has attended an accredited three to five day course in road safety audit theory and practice and who has yet to complete five road safety audits.

3. QUALIFICATIONS POST 19TH DECEMBER 2013

3.1 *Audit Team Leader (ATL)*

An Audit Team Leader will be a Chartered Engineer or equivalent with at least two years experience of collision investigation and remedial measures, will have a Certificate of Competence in Road Safety Audit and will have taken part in ten road safety audits as team member,

An Audit Team Leader will have completed as team member at least two audits of a similar stage and scheme type to that for which approval is being sought.

They will also have done at least five road safety audits within the preceding three years.

3.2 *Audit Team Member (ATM)*

An Audit Team Member will be a road safety engineer, road design engineer or road traffic engineer.

They will have taken part as trainee in five road safety audits and will have attended an accredited three to five day course in road safety audit theory and practice.

3.3 *Audit Trainee (AT)*

A Trainee will be a road safety engineer, road design engineer or road traffic engineer, who has attended an accredited three to five day course in road safety audit theory and practice and who has yet to complete five road safety audits.