

# Driving Self-Escorting Vehicle for Abnormal Loads (Skills Card)



## At a glance...

### Assessed Customised Provision

Duration Notes:	This course is 2 days long for Novices. For experienced workers, there is a 1 day assessment.
Delivery Method:	Classroom and practical demonstration and assessment
Recognised by:	Lantra Awards
Prerequisites:	Essential Skills and Qualifications required are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a minimum age of 21 years old</li><li>• a full standard driving licence held</li><li>• to be able to speak and read the English language</li><li>• to be competent through training and/or experience in the movement and transportation of abnormal loads or abnormal vehicles</li></ul>

## Introduction

This Code of Practice, which applies throughout England, Wales and Scotland, is intended to provide a nation-wide standard that is recognised by both industry and the police authorities alike.

## Overview in brief

***This Lantra-accredited Customised Award is exclusively developed and delivered by a Lantra-approved Training Provider, who meets our quality standards. The course is specifically tailored to meet learners' needs. For further details about the course content and delivery locations, please contact the Training Provider using the details provided below.***

The minimum age to undertake this course is 21.

The term self-escorting applies to either a haulier or a private company engaged by a haulier escorting an abnormal load or an abnormal vehicle.





## The finer details

Self-escorting offers greater flexibility for scheduling moves and therefore should enable loads to travel at off peak times when there is less traffic. This will both reduce traffic disruption to other road users and improve journey times for the haulier.

## Who should attend?

Anyone who is involved in the moving of abnormal loads , from the Transport manager, drivers , banksman , escort vehicle driver, everyone who is involved in the task of moving large loads.

## What will be covered?

Course Aims and Objectives:

It is envisaged that by the end of this course of training the trainee operator will be able to answer questions on and perform the following:

### **Know the escort driver and vehicle legislative requirements**

- License
- Fit to Drive
- Free from Influences
- Maintaining a vehicle in a roadworthy condition
- Current Tax test and Insurance requirements
- C&U STGO Lighting of Abnormal Loads

### **Know the current Codes of Practice and Industry Best Practice**

- Highway agency Code of Practice
- Lighting and Marking for abnormal Self Escorting vehicles
- Codes of Practice represent good practice and have a special legal status
- Department of Transport Code of Practice
- Safety of Loads on vehicles
- Industry Best Practice

### **Be able to prepare the escort vehicle before use**



- Roadside Equipment
- Emergency safety equipment
- Items of roadside and emergency equipment



### **Be able to brief all task personnel before departure**

- Tasks involved in a vehicle movement
- People involved in an abnormal load movement
- Escort drivers responsibilities
- Use and test Radios
- Confirm call signs

### **Be Able to check the condition of transport vehicle and load before departure**

- Carry out pre-use checks with the AIL Driver
- Load security visuals
- Lighting and marking safety equipment
- Communication equipment
- The limit of the Escort Drivers responsibility for the condition of the abnormal load transport vehicle or the load being carried

### **Be able to effectively communicate with all third parties**

- Methods of communication that may be used
- Reasons for communication
- Responsibilities
- Communication equipment
- The role of the escort driver in relation to communication with road users and pedestrians

### **Be able to position load and escort vehicle appropriately on the road**

- Entering a motorway/continuous dual carriageway
- Leaving a motorway entering a dual carriageway

