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DATE: 9/15/2022  
TO: CERTIFIED ENTITIES, FLAGGER INSTRUCTORS, FLAGGERS, AND INQUIRERS  
FROM: CDOT FLAGGER PROGRAM  
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SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 2022 CDOT FLAGGER PROGRAM UPDATES AND CHANGES

All flagger program submittals, requests, questions, comments, inquiries, and suggestions must be submitted to the CDOT Flagger Program through the following email address or phone numbers:

- Email: [dot cdod flagger@state.co.us](mailto:dot_cdod_flagger@state.co.us)
- Phone Numbers: 303-757-9664, 1-888-639-3271

Please see our website at <https://www.codot.gov/safety/traffic-safety/traffic-operations-technology/flagger-program> for more information about the CDOT Flagger Program.

#### **NEW AND INTERIM PROCEDURES AND PROCESSES:**

##### **CDOT Flagger Instructor Training (FIT) Pilot Course**

The first CDOT Flagger Instructor Training (FIT) **pilot** course is tentatively scheduled for November 2022. If you are a currently CDOT-approved flagger instructor whose certification expired/expires in 2022 and are a certified Traffic Control Supervisor (TCS), please contact us if you are interested in being part of the pilot group, as we need people with flagger instructor and temporary traffic control experience to audit this new course before it is rolled out to everyone. Please note that there could be some preparation and study material that will be required as part of the pilot class.

##### **CDOT Flagger Instructor Training (FIT) Course**

The CDOT Flagger Instructor Training (FIT) Course is being developed and is expected to be available in the first quarter of 2023. The CDOT Flagger Program Team will notify Entities on our CDOT FIT course waitlist as soon as the CDOT FIT course(s) are available.

Due to the delay of the rollout of the CDOT FIT course, we are extending the current flagger instructor certifications (i.e., the grandfathered flagger certifications and TCS certifications) per the information in the “Flagger Instructors and Flagger Instructor Certifications” section of this memo.

#### **1. Flagger Instructors and Flagger Instructor Certifications**

- a. All flagger instructors in Colorado must work for a CDOT-certified Flagger Training Entity, be approved by CDOT, and
  - i. Must have a Flagger Instructor certification through a CDOT-approved provider if they were hired or started training and certifying flaggers after January 24, 2022, or



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- ii. Must have a Flagger Instructor certification through a CDOT-approved provider if their qualifying flagger instructor certification (i.e., flagger certification or TCS certification) expired before 2022.
    - b. Flagger Instructors using a previously allowed (aka grandfathered) flagger or TCS certifications must obtain a Flagger Instructor certification through a CDOT-approved provider. These Flagger Instructor certifications are required as follows:
      - i. If your grandfathered flagger instructor certification expired or expires between **1/1/2022 to 6/29/2023**, CDOT will extend your flagger instructor certification to **6/30/2023**. This extension only applies to your permission to train and certify flaggers but does not extend your certification for other job duties (i.e., TCS and flagging operations). Beginning on 7/1/2023, you will be required to have a Flagger Instructor certification.
      - ii. If your grandfathered flagger instructor certification expires between **7/1/2023 and 1/31/2026**, it is good for flagger training and certification until its expiration date, at which time you will be required to have a Flagger Instructor certification.
    - c. Beginning on 2/1/2026, all people training and certifying Flaggers in and for Colorado will be required to have a current Flagger Instructor certification obtained through a CDOT-approved provider.
    - d. If you have a current ATSSA Flagger Instructor certification, no action is required of you.
- 2. CDOT Approved Flagger Instructor Training Providers**
- a. The American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA) has been approved for Flagger Instructor Training (FIT) by the CDOT Flagger Program. Please see their website for more information and upcoming FIT courses in Colorado. If you do not find a course scheduled for Colorado, please contact the ATSSA customer service team and request a class.
  - b. A CDOT Flagger Instructor Training (FIT) course is being developed and is expected to be available in the first quarter of 2023.
- 3. Flagger Training Entities**
- a. Flagger Training Entities must be approved (aka certified) by CDOT initially and every year thereafter. Certification includes submission of the current Application for Certification (including required attachments) and the Terms & Conditions. Recertifications include these items and proof of flagger training and certifications over the past year.
  - b. Applications are being accepted for new Flagger Training Entities, but the applying Entity must have at least one certified Flagger Instructor employed. The Flagger Instructor(s) must be certified by a CDOT-approved provider.