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TO: CERTIFIED ENTITIES, FLAGGER INSTRUCTORS, AND INQUIRERS
FROM: CDOT FLAGGER PROGRAM
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SUBJECT: JANUARY 2023 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_cdot_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 FLAGGER PROGRAM PROCEDURES AND PROCESSES

CDOT Flagger Instructor Training (FIT) Course

After holding our two pilot CDOT FIT courses in November and December, this course is now being offered to all who need a CDOT Flagger Instructor certification in Colorado.

The first three CDOT FIT courses are scheduled for January, February, and March. The January and February classes are full, but some spaces are still available in the March class. We ask that those individuals whose certifications have expired or are expiring by 4/30/2023 be the first to take this course. We will schedule classes throughout Colorado and invite instructors to these upcoming courses.

CDOT Flagger Instructor Certifications and Extensions

Flagger instructor extensions are still in place for individuals whose current CDOT-approved certifications (i.e., grandfathered flagger certification and TCS certifications) expired/expire between 1/24/2022 and 6/30/2023. These individuals will be given priority in the CDOT FIT courses offered. See the following information regarding the Flagger Instructor extensions that are in place until 6/30/2023.

Flagger Instructor Certifications

1. All flagger instructors in Colorado must work for a CDOT-certified Flagger Training Entity, be approved by CDOT, and,
 - a. 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
 - b. Must have a Flagger Instructor certification through a CDOT-approved provider if their qualifying flagger instructor certification (i.e., flagger certification or TCS certification) expires before 2022.
2. 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:
 - a. 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



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flaggers but does not extend your certification for other job duties (i.e., TCS and flagging operations). Beginning on 7/1/2023, you must have a Flagger Instructor certification.

- b. 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.
3. Beginning on 2/1/2026, all individuals training and certifying Flaggers in and for Colorado must have a current Flagger Instructor certification obtained through a CDOT-approved provider.
4. No action is required if you have a current ATSSA Flagger Instructor certification.

Flagger Training Materials

All CDOT Flagger Training and testing materials have been updated and will be available to current CDOT-certified Flagger Training Entities by 1/3/2023. Entities must transition to and begin using the new materials starting on 2/1/2023. The new materials and available locations are as follows:

CDOT Flagger Program Website

- CDOT Flagger Program Industry Memo – January 2023
- CDOT Flagger Training Entity Certification Application
- Application Form Extra Page 2 for Additional Training Locations
- CDOT Flagger Instructor Agreement
- CDOT Flagger Training Entity Terms and Conditions
- CDOT Flagger Training Entity Change Form
- CDOT Flagger Class Roster
- CDOT Flagger Class Agenda and Syllabus
- CDOT Flagger Training Manual

Email to current CDOT-certified Flagger Training Entities

- CDOT Flagger Certification Written Exams – Versions 1, 2, and 3
 - Two versions of each exam
 - Exams for students
 - Exams answer keys for flagger instructors
- CDOT Flagger Exam Answer Sheet & CDOT Flagger Demonstration Exam sheet
- CDOT Flagger & Flagger Instructor Training Course Evaluation
- CDOT Flagger Training Entity Terms and Conditions – All Entities must sign and return by 1/31/2023.

CDOT Certified Flagger Training Entities

All entities must read, complete, sign, date, and submit the new CDOT Flagger Training Entity Terms and Conditions by 1/31/2023.

All entities must comply with the new terms and conditions and use the new flagger program materials by 2/1/2023.