



Industry Collaboration drives new downstream standard

What is CRTDiS? Cogent Sector Skills Council and Skills for Logistics have developed a new Standard for tanker drivers transporting petrol, diesel, gas oil, aviation fuel, heavy fuels, bitumens and lubricants.

Who is it for?

The Common Road Tanker Driver Induction Standard, (CRTDiS), combines the industry's existing best practice into one single national standard skills framework. This is fully supported by the recently formed UK Downstream Oil Distribution Forum, (UKDODF), which comprises representatives from the Transport and General Workers Union, oil companies, haulage contractors, sector skills councils, trade associations and the Department for Trade and Industry.

What happens?

Companies will complete a self-assessment questionnaire to match the operating and handling procedures against the agreed elements of the CRTDiS standard. Those who meet the requirements are awarded the certificate, and those who need further help can apply for a copy of the standard to put the necessary revised procedures into place.

Website guidance on the process will be launched in April 2006.

To see if your business meets the standard, visit www.skillsforlogistics.org.uk www.cogent-ssc.com or contact Cogent's Downstream Skills Director, Walter Williamson MBE on **01925515200** or email at Walter.Williamson@cogent-ssc.com



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National Standard- Flexible framework

The new skills framework can be adapted to suit large and small hauliers. It focuses on three main stages:

- Loading operations
- Transportation of petroleum products
- Offloading operations

The emphasis is on safety awareness and the need for personal responsibility for drivers' own safety and those around them during these three phases.

The training against the standard is based on formal assessment where the commitment of supervisors and managers to train their own teams will be a central component.

Skills for Logistics database

Skills for Logistics will maintain a database of all drivers participating in the standard. Those Tanker drivers who meet the standard will be awarded a CRTDiS certificate which will be transferable between employers and can form part of their c.v.

A standard for transportation of all hazardous goods?

Cogent's Downstream Skills Director, Walter Williamson believes "there is potential to extend the standard across other industries because the transportation of hazardous and supply chain critical materials is an essential operation for many employers, particularly in the chemicals and other industries."

DTI praise for industry collaboration

Alan Johnson, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry said "I am particularly pleased that the industry has come together to produce such an important standard, and I look forward to this excellent co-operation continuing into the future."

UKDODF will oversee the CRTDiS guidelines and standard, and will continue to develop strategies to address skills gaps in the industry's health and safety training, and lobby Government to promote best practice.

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