

## **COVID 19 – Update for Driver Skills Card**

During the Covid 19 period, whilst the delivery of group training is restricted we are looking to take the following steps to maintain the MPQC Driver Skills Card Scheme on behalf of the industry.

### **Existing Cards**

All existing cards, which are due for renewal or have expired recently, will initially be extended for 3 months. This period will be reviewed and updated if the crisis continues over a prolonged period.

### **New Drivers - MPQC Introduction to Site Safety Awareness (e-learning module)**

An e-version of the course will be made available as an interim measure, this will incorporate an on-line assessment. Drivers will be requested to submit a photo and licence information by email as well; however to note this information is only for identification purposes and not for checking of authenticity. Employers will need to ensure that new drivers have the correct licence entitlements. Successful completion of the assessment drivers will be issued with a temporary Driver Skills Card which will be valid for 12 months. During this period the driver will need to attend the full version of the course and will be issued with a 'full' Driver Skills Card – valid for 5 years from the date of the training course.

### **Content Key points/modules**

- Introduction to course, including some initial hazard spotting and questions
- Preparing for work – awareness of D&A policies, PPE requirements and vehicles being fit for purpose
- Linking to national standards for drivers, health effects of sleep deprivation.
- Out on extractive sites – Induction importance and some of the basics that will be covered, hazard spotting, key industry hazards. Importance of near miss and incident reporting.
- Operating on extractive sites – Loading and unloading safety awareness, tipping areas, exclusion zones, overturns etc. Emergency repair policies, stone traps tyre inflations etc. Banksman quiz, clearance of power lines, sheeting importance.
- Travel to customers – safety issues on the road, VRU, mobile phones, route planning. Highway code mini quiz.
- Customer site – Hazard awareness, induction, private vs industrial deliveries
- End of working day – Night working, safe shutdown, return loads and own security