

**National Highways Sector Schemes**  
**for Quality Management in Highway Works - 8, 9B and 10**  
**The Installation and Maintenance of Highway Electrical and / or Highway Electronic equipment and / or Associated Highway Works**

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The following key points should be noted (all notes refer to Issue 5 of NHSS 8, 9B & 10):

- The scope of NHSS 8, 9B & 10 is specified in Appendix K
- There is no longer any significance to the individual numbers 8, 9B or 10
- The scope has been extended from public lighting, traffic signs and permanent traffic control equipment to cover the following occupational areas:
  - The installation and maintenance of Variable Message signs and associated apparatus
  - The installation and maintenance of Communications equipment and associated apparatus on Motorways and other highways
  - The installation and maintenance of Environmental and Monitoring equipment and associated apparatus
  - The installation and maintenance of Cameras and associated apparatus
  - Slot cutting and the laying of Inductive loop and other cables for traffic signal and other highway electrical equipment(Note: ramp metering is deemed to be included within the above)
- The Industry Accreditation date for these additional occupational areas has been set as 31 March 2008
- It is expected that contracts to be let which will include 31 March 2008 in their term, or which are due to be let after this date, should require accreditation to NHSS 8, 9B & 10 and registration to the Highway Electrical Industry Scheme for the Registration of Authorised Persons
- A briefing note for the HSE advising them of the scheme has been issued to the HSE and has been confirmed as being communicated within HSE. NHSS 8, 9B & 10 and the Highway Electrical Industry Scheme for the Registration of Authorised Persons have been designed to provide compliance with the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007.
- Guidance for clients is contained in Appendix L, which also gives guidance on the relationship between NHSS 8, 9B and 10, NHSS 12D and NHSS 19A
- NHSS 8, 9B and 10 calls up the Highway Electrical Industry Scheme for the Registration of Authorised Persons, the handbook for which is on the web-site below.
- Further information can be obtained from [www.highwayelectrical.org.uk/HEA](http://www.highwayelectrical.org.uk/HEA)