

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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Changes have been made to the NHSS 8 9B and 10 document and the HERS Handbook – see below:

- NHSS 8 9B and 10 has been re-numbered as NHSS 8
- Non-illuminated Traffic Signs is to be covered by a new NHSS – 9B. This has some synergy with NHSS 9A. Non-illuminated Traffic signs have therefore been withdrawn from the scope of NHSS 8 and the HERS Handbook. However, it is anticipated that those organisations registered to NHSS 8 will be able to carry out non-illuminated traffic sign work, without registering to NHSS 9B, providing they use staff competent in these areas.
- The deadline for training to 302 (the Highway Electrical particularisation of NHSS 12D training has been moved to 1 October 2010
- Clause 7.4 (iii) 1 - The requirements for sub-contractors to meet the NHSS 8 document, has been extended and amplified. This now covers organisations which excavate, and / or lay ducts, and / or lay cable, and / or pull cable through ducts, and / or carry out reinstatement. However all organisations must make sure they can satisfy the core competence criteria of the CDM2007 ACoP.
- Appendix L – Clause 1 – Guidance for Clients - has a cross-reference to Appendix G1 added for clarity.
- Appendix M which refers to the relationship between NHSS 8 and other NHSS's has been extended to cover the proposed NHSS 9B
- The HERS Handbook has been modified by:
 - The removal of the matrix covering non-illuminated traffic signs
 - The removal of all the individual “highway electronic” matrices; the combined matrix covers all of these
 - The removal of certain mandatory items under Installation Operative to allow flexibility for some organisations; and the removal of Authorising Officer and Qualified Supervisor competency areas
 - The removal of the fees page; fees will be held separately on the HEA web-site. This will avoid re-issuing and updating the HERS Handbook simply for a fee change. Fees are being increased by a maximum of 3.5% (which is less than the rate of inflation) from 1 January 2009, with many fees being held as is. In addition a new banding of turnover less than £1M has been introduced to assist smaller organisations

Further information can be obtained from www.highwayelectrical.org.uk/HEA