

BECOMING A CLOCS CHAMPION



DON'T BREAK THE CHAIN



PURPOSE OF THIS GUIDE

Everyone in the contracting supply chain has a responsibility to create a safer environment on our roads for cyclists and vulnerable road users. HGVs over 3.5 tonnes account for a fifth of fatal accidents involving cyclists and a significant proportion involve construction vehicles.



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Build UK is committed to reducing the number of incidents involving construction vehicles and cyclists and other vulnerable road users, by promoting CLOCS as the recognised industry standard companies should achieve. This guide explains how companies can become a CLOCS Champion.

ABOUT BUILD UK

Build UK brings together the construction industry's largest Main Contractors and leading Trade Associations representing over 11,500 Specialist Contractors, providing a strong collective voice for the contracting supply chain in construction.

Build UK focuses on key industry issues that can deliver change and enable the contracting supply chain to improve the efficiency and delivery of construction projects to the benefit of the industry's clients.

WHAT IS CLOCS?

Under Transport for London's leadership, CLOCS is a national industry scheme which works to reduce the number of collisions involving vulnerable road users and construction vehicles by:



- Challenging vehicle manufacturers to improve vehicle design and eliminate driver blind-spots
- Promoting a road safety culture within the construction industry
- Implementing a common approach to managing road risk through the CLOCS Standard for Construction Logistics: Managing Work Related Road Risk. This provides a framework of responsibilities for construction clients, contractors, and fleet operators to work together and manage road risk in a consistent way.

BECOME A CLOCS CHAMPION

Organisations apply to become a CLOCS Champion to gain recognition for their support for the CLOCS Standard.

Champions include:

- Companies or projects actively implementing and monitoring compliance to the CLOCS Standard
- Companies working towards implementation of the CLOCS Standard
- Organisations such as trade bodies which support the CLOCS Standard but for whom implementation is not relevant.



HOW TO BECOME A CLOCS CHAMPION

The process for becoming a CLOCS Champion is straightforward – with organisations just needing to sign a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** with the CLOCS scheme which sets out the roles and responsibilities of each party.

Becoming a CLOCS Champion is about more than just gaining a certificate. By signing-up, organisations are committing to implementing the CLOCS Standard on their projects, sites and within their organisations.

THE 5 STEP PROCESS

**1**

Sign-up as a CLOCS Champion by signing MOU.

2

Set internal policy and adjust procurement contracts.

3

Communicate CLOCS requirements to stakeholders.

4

Roll-out of CLOCS Standard within your operations.

5

Comply with CLOCS on an ongoing basis.

WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS A CLOCS CHAMPION?

In addition to implementing the CLOCS Standard, CLOCS Champions have a number of further responsibilities:

- Providing details of a dedicated point of contact who will provide updates on the organisation's progress in implementing the CLOCS Standard
- Promoting and enforcing the CLOCS Standard across their supply chain
- Using the CLOCS branding on site posters and hoardings
- Submitting their logo for use by CLOCS
- Providing information and feedback to support the monitoring, evaluation and continuous improvement of the CLOCS Standard.

FAQS

Will my organisation be audited when becoming a CLOCS Champion?

CLOCS does not currently audit organisations against the CLOCS Standard as part of the process for becoming a CLOCS Champion. However Champions may subsequently be asked to provide updates on their organisation's progress in implementing the standard.

As a CLOCS Champion, which part of the CLOCS Standard do I need to implement?

The CLOCS Standard sets a framework of responsibilities relevant to clients, contractors and fleet operators. Organisations only have to implement the parts of the standard which are relevant to them. It should be noted that the term 'client' within the wording of the CLOCS Standard refers to any organisation 'employing fleet operators'.



Do I need to be implementing the CLOCS Standard today to become a CLOCS Champion?

No. A company does not have to be fully implementing the CLOCS Standard when they apply to become a CLOCS Champion. However organisations would need to set out a timeframe for implementation.

As a Main Contractor, do I need to be implementing the CLOCS Standard on all my projects to become a CLOCS Champion?

No. Currently Champions can specify whether they are implementing CLOCS on all their projects or on a project by project basis, but will be required to provide a timescale for when the CLOCS Standard will be implemented on all sites.

Do I need to be a CLOCS Champion to work on a project where CLOCS is being implemented?

No. However if you are working on a project where CLOCS is being implemented, you will be required to meet the relevant requirements of the CLOCS Standard (e.g. if you operate vehicles they will have to meet all vehicle safety requirements). This should be included within your contract and your client or main contractor may take steps to monitor your compliance (e.g. checking vehicles at site gate). Non-compliant vehicles may be turned away.

What should I do if a vehicle arrives on site which is not CLOCS compliant?

Sites should ensure they have communicated effectively to all levels of their supply chain to minimise the chances of this happening and ensure that all contractual arrangements are clear about the requirements.

Sites have the right to refuse entry to non-conforming deliveries and each site or organisation will need to formulate its own system for reporting non-conformances and ensuring compliance.

What is the Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS)?

The Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS) is an accreditation scheme for fleet operators that assesses safety, efficiency, and environmental performance.

Fleet operators are required to undertake an audit, providing evidence of systems, procedures and documentation that demonstrates that their company can meet the required standards for FORS accreditation which is available at three levels, bronze, silver and gold.

Do I need to be accredited to FORS to meet the requirements of the CLOCS Standard?

The CLOCS Standard and FORS have been aligned, so FORS accreditation allows fleet operators to demonstrate compliance to the relevant parts of the CLOCS Standard:

- **Quality operation** - Fleet operators must meet the standard of an approved independent fleet management audit. The CLOCS Standard states this can be demonstrated by certification to FORS bronze level
- **Vehicle safety** - The CLOCS Standard sets a range of vehicle safety requirements around driver training and vehicle design, primarily elimination of blind spots. This can be demonstrated by certification to FORS silver level or above.



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