

FORS Standard version 5 – Implementation and transitional provisions

FORS Standard version 5 implementation - organisations with audit dates on and after 14 January 2019 will be audited against version 5 and must therefore prepare their Bronze, Silver or Gold audit(s) against the new and updated requirements.

Section 2.11 of the *PRINTED copy* of the FORS Standard version 5 refers to the FORS website for information about transitional provisions for a number of the FORS version 5 requirements. For convenience, these are reproduced below.

Manager and driver training

Transitional provisions are in place for the following mandatory requirements:

Driver training	Bronze D4 Security and Counter Terrorism eLearning	
Audit date	14/01/19 – 31/03/19	01/04/19 onwards
Requirement	New training to be planned and evidenced	New training to be completed and evidenced

Driver training	Gold G5 LoCITY Driving classroom training or FORS approved environmental awareness training course	
Audit date	14/01/19 – 31/12/19	01/01/20 onwards
Requirement	New training to be planned and evidenced	New training to be completed and evidenced

Manager training	Bronze M3 Responsible person – training on maintaining continuous and effective management of fleet activities Silver S5 Fuel and Emissions Champion and Road Risk Champion Gold G5 FORS Practitioner qualification (Gold re-approval audit)	
Audit date	14/01/19 – 31/12/19	01/01/20 onwards
Requirement	New training to be planned and evidenced	New training to be completed and evidenced

Special note regarding Practitioner qualification – if the responsible person or other nominated manager leaves the business, a period of 12 months from the date of appointment of the replacement responsible person or nominated manager **may** be permitted for them to achieve the FORS Practitioner qualification. This must be fully justified at audit.

Bronze V6 - For London operations (effective from implementation date of TfL's HGV safety permit scheme) for good vehicles over 12 tonnes gross vehicle weight

This element of Bronze requirement V6 is subject to Transport for London's statutory consultation on the HGV Direct Vision Standard and the safety permit scheme. It will be fully effective as a Bronze mandatory requirement from the same date as Transport for London's scheme comes into force.

G6 Sustainable operations

At Silver S6 Vehicle safety equipment, Fresnel lenses are no longer permitted, but, to allow for older vehicles, a tolerance in the number of vehicles fitted with camera systems **may** be accepted for vehicles registered before 1 January 2015.

At Gold G6 Sustainable operations, the above tolerance at S6 is not permitted. However, the fitment of camera systems for vehicles registered before 1 January 2015 **may** be planned and evidenced in line with the operator's fleet replacement cycle. This must be fully justified at audit.

G9 Contracted services

This requirement applies to new contracts only.

- At initial Gold audit, a plan for incorporating a flow down clause in all new contracts awarded **shall** be evidenced
- At Gold re-approval audit, a flow down clause **shall** be incorporated in all new contracts awarded and **shall** be evidenced

Transition provision for current Gold operators:

Gold G9 Contracted services		
This requirement applies to new contracts only		
Audit date	14/01/19 – 31/12/19	01/01/20 onwards
Requirement	Plan for incorporating a flow down clause in all new contracts awarded from date of re-approval audit	Flow down clause incorporated in all new contracts awarded since previous re-approval audit

It is recognised that some organisations, for example smaller ones, do not have the 'buying power' to influence the terms and conditions applied by suppliers. Therefore it is sufficient to demonstrate that reasonable endeavours have been taken to implement the contract clause.