

Public Weighbridge Certificate – Question & Answer Pro Forma

- 1 Can you confidently operate the weighing equipment?
2. Can you refuse to undertake a public weighing?
 - With reasonable cause.
- 3 What do you understand by the following terms:-
 - balance - weighbridge unloaded and indicating zero
 - gross weight – weight of vehicle and load
 - net weight – weight of load
 - tare – weight of vehicle
- 4 Weighbridge should be in balance before a weighing
 - What can affect balance?
 - When should balance be checked?
- 5 What can lead to inaccurate weighings being recorded
 - Badly located loads
 - Plate and surround binding
 - Flooding of pit
 - Dirt on plate
- 6 What checks should be made before a weighing?
 - Can you see the plate
 - Can you see the vehicle is on the plate
 - No-one in the vehicle
 - Engine running
- 7 What do you understand by the term “double weighing”
 - Weighing axles separately on the plate eg long vehicle – weigh front three axles
 - move forward
 - weigh back axle(s)
 - add them all together
 - When is double weighing permitted – when is it not for trade (permitted for RTA)
- 8 Explain offences under S20
 - Failing without reasonable cause to carry out a weighing on demand
 - Carrying out a weighing unfairly
 - Failing to give a statement of the weight found
 - Failing to make a record of the weight including date and time, description of load and identification of vehicle
 - Give a false statement of weight/make a false weight
 - Using the equipment fraudulently

- 9 Demonstrate how to set the equipment up for a weighing
What to do in the event of any error message on the printer?
Demonstrate how to move between boxes on the screen – entering figures
- 10 Demonstrate the weighing of a vehicle, completing form and printing procedure
Date/time/tare or gross/no blanks/alterations to be avoided
- Why should you never leave blanks on a weighbridge ticket?
 - If there is no entry for a space then it should either be crossed through or cancelled by inserting words such as “ not ascertained ” or “ vehicle not tared “
 - If an error is made when making out a weigh ticket, no alteration should be made and the ticket must be cancelled and a new one issued
 - No statement should be accepted from a driver or other person as to the tare weight of a vehicle
 - If the tare weight of a vehicle is to be stated on the weigh ticket it must be ascertained by actual weighing
 - If a vehicle is overloaded the weigh person is entitled to endorse any ticket handed to a driver with a suitable legend, to the effect that the driver has been advised of the condition of the vehicle.
- 11 How long are records kept? (min 2 years)
- Offence to fail to retain a record for two years
 - Offence to destroy or deface a record within 2 years