



## Traffic directing

### **Who takes care of directing other traffic during an abnormal transport in Finland?**

Only a person who has completed the Abnormal Transport Traffic Director course and has an Abnormal Transport Traffic Director license has the right to direct traffic during an abnormal transport in Finland. An Abnormal Transport Traffic Director (ATTD) escorting an abnormal transport has the same authority in traffic directing as the police in Finland.

The police direct traffic quite rarely, only in certain special cases. For example when the width of the transport is more than 7.0 metres police direct traffic if the police regard supervision necessary.

### **When is a traffic director required?**

An ATTD is required to stop and direct other traffic if the abnormal transport moves on the road against traffic rules and/or in the cases laid down in the permit conditions due to the dimensions of the load. Traffic directing is usually necessary at junctions, on bridges and other narrow sections of the road.

See the Permit Conditions 2010 for detailed information about the requirements and number of traffic directors and escort vehicles.

### **Charges and services of traffic directing in Finland**

In Finland, ATTDs charge on their services and the charge depends, for instance, on the Traffic Director's qualification, as well as the standard of their services and equipment. Abnormal transport traffic directing by the police is also chargeable in Finland. The charge depends on the time and amount of personnel and vehicles used in traffic directing.

The range of services is wide. Some traffic directors offer just traffic directing services, others also offer route planning, assist in applying for the permits, and hire marking equipment for the transport vehicle.

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