



# Compliance, Investigations and Prosecutions Driver Training Information Bulletin



## December 2020

### Covid

Regrettably Covid 19 has caused a lot of disruption this year in all areas of our lives. The light vehicle driver training industry was shut down for a period in April/May and everybody was shut down for a couple of days in November.



When industry returned there were new requirements like Covid Plans, cleaning/sanitising vehicles and now QR codes. As a result of the closures there is a significant backlog of people wanting to get their licence putting additional pressure on the industry to keep up with demand. In addition to that there are some adjustments Assessment Officers have had to make about how they audit and undertake regulator assessments, particularly in heavy vehicles where it can be difficult to social distance, this has seen the introduction of camera audits.

Throughout these challenges the majority of industry has gotten on with business with a minimum of fuss which is a credit to you all.

In regards to the last shutdown, refunds for tests booked during lock-down have now been refunded.

### Reform

Thanks again to those who have engaged with and supported the Driver Training Reform project over the past year.

A key highlight was the quality of engagement received from industry as part of Stage 3 consultation.

A total of 536 comments, concerns or suggestions were received – all which have been considered.

The project has progressed and relevant approvals are being sought within Government. It remains a high priority for the Registrar and more advice will be provided once there is more to tell. Stay tuned for further details to come in 2021!

### Hot Weather Policy

A reminder as the weather heats up you may need to implement a few safety measures, remembering everybody has an obligation to provide a safe workplace for themselves and their customers/clients. Some things you may wish to consider include ensuring vehicles stay cool, supplying water to clients or avoiding training/assessment during the hottest parts of the day.

### Christmas Cheer

I and the team at DIT would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. For those lucky enough to be enjoying a break, enjoy and stay safe.



I look forward to a new year, hopefully a much healthier and safer one for everyone.

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