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The Road Safety Bill - 2006

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An Overview



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DSA

Vision and Mission – Safe Driving for Life

- To contribute to the public service agreement objective to achieve 40% reduction in riders/drivers KSI, in the age group up to 24 years by 2010.



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Our contribution centres on:

- Setting standards for drivers, riders and instructors
- Driver education and the provision of learning resource
- Registering and supervising quality assured instructors
- Modern, effective and efficient assessments conducted as computer based and practical tests.



Developing the vision

2006/07 will be the start of a fresh approach to addressing the lifelong safety agenda and contribute to:

- A reduction in casualties through safer driving through a driver's life
- More fuel efficient drivers and reduced congestion
- Achievement through modern efficient and effective processes



DSA will conduct and use research evidence to identify areas where we can make a difference

We will work with all stakeholders and through wider partnerships to:

- Develop the intelligence base
- Deliver core services to customers
- Provide support services to meet Agency needs



How **Might** The Road Safety Bill Affect You?

Better arrangements for instructors

- Flexible registration arrangements
- Crown immunity
- Consultation obligation
- Other types of vehicle/specialisms



How **Might** the Road Safety Bill affect you?

Better arrangements for instructors

- Training providers
- Training of instructors
- Quality-assured trainers of instructors
- Codes of conduct
- Flexible registration arrangements



How **Might** the Road Safety Bill affect you as a **Blue Light** user?

- Who can train
- Qualification of trainers
- Where can training be delivered
- Agreed course content/standard
- Quality assurance – DSA/own process



Clause 41 of the Road Safety Bill introduces Schedule 6 which contains amendments about driving instruction instruction



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Section 123 Requirements of Registration

- Reference to 'paid instruction in driving motor cars' Section 123 RTA, 1988, is replaced.
- S of S could provide a description of driving instruction by reference to:
 - Class of vehicle to which the instruction relates
 - Description of persons to whom instruction is given/provided
 - Nature of the instruction or where or how it is given/provided



Section 124 Exemptions from prohibitions imposed by Section 123

Existing Section 124, RTA, 1988, provides an exemption for police from the requirements of Section 123 i.e paid instruction

New Section 124 replaces 'blanket' exemptions with powers which will enable S of S to prescribe, by regulation, more specific circumstances.



HEALTH WARNING

The Road Safety Bill, once enacted, will provide DSA with enabling powers, which means we will be able to respond quickly and efficiently to the changing needs of different training sectors.

It **does not** mean that on day 1 DSA will implement a series of changes that affect the way in which you do business



How **Might** we bring about change?

- We have no pre-conceived ideas
- Research
- Consultation
- Collaboration
- Workshops
- Focus Groups
- Expectations Document



Thank you – any
brief and easy
questions?



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