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The Driver CPC

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Driver CPC – the Whistlestop Tour…

- What do you need to know?
- How can you manage it?
- What do drivers and supervisors need to do?

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Background

- CPC vs Driver CPC
- European Consultation
- Who do I throttle?

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CPC Regulations and training

- What do drivers have to do to achieve CPC?
  - Existing drivers
  - New drivers
  - Exemptions

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- What do drivers have to do to retain CPC?
  - Periodic training

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What do drivers have to do?

- Existing PCV Drivers
  - who *already* held a vocational licence on the 10th September 2008 are exempt from the initial CPC (acquired rights)
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Module			Initial qualification for licence acquisition from Sept 08 (PCV) & Sept 09 (LGV)
1	**Theory Test -** Multiple Choice questions & Hazard Perception clips	2.5 hrs	✓
2	**Case Studies**	1.5 hrs	✓
3	**Practical Test**	1.5 hrs	✓
4	**Driver CPC Practical Test** Vehicle Safety Demonstration	0.5 hrs	✓

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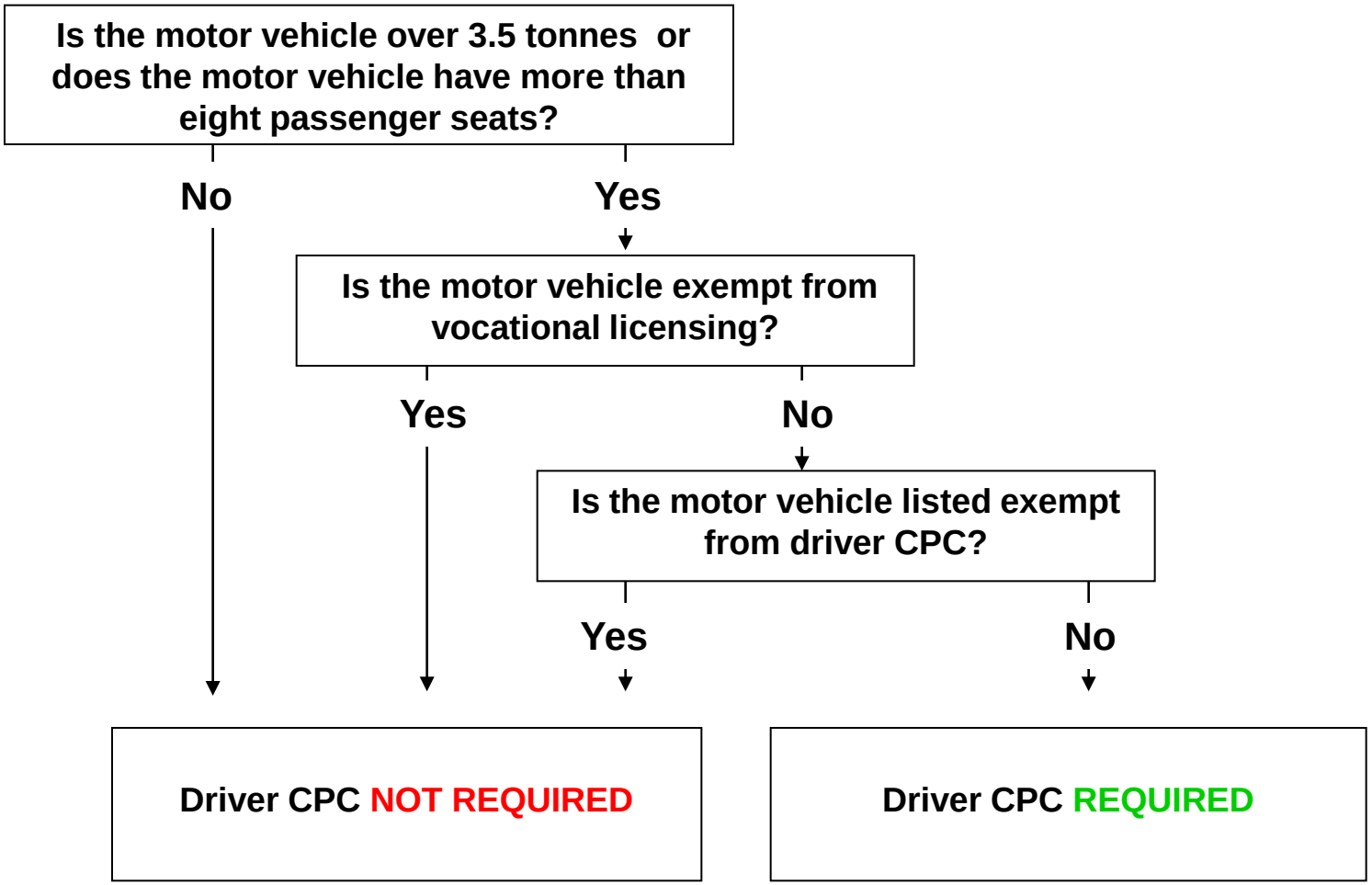
What do drivers have to do?



Exemptions

- Undergoing road test for technical development.
- Not being used to carry passengers or goods for commercial purposes.
- Carrying materials or equipment for the driver in the course of his work where driving is not the drivers main activity.
- With a maximum authorised speed not exceeding 45km/h

Exemptions

- Undergoing road test for technical development, repair or maintenance purposes, or new or rebuilt vehicles not yet put into service.

Exemptions

- Not being used to carry passengers or goods for commercial purposes.
  - VOSA has indicated it *believes* this is *likely* to apply to vehicles being operated by non profit making organisations *(e.g. Passenger carrying vehicles driven on Section 19 or 22 permits)*

Exemptions

- Drivers operating under s19 and s22 permits are those driving buses or minibuses as a community based activity. The buses are driven for non-commercial bodies and on a non-profit making basis.

Exemptions

- Are drivers of buses operated under s19 and s22 permits in scope?
- “We believe that drivers of such buses are *likely* to be either outside the scope of Directive 2003/59/EC or covered by one of its exemptions.”

Exemptions

- Carrying materials or equipment for the driver in the course of his work where driving is not the drivers main activity
- VOSA indicate this is likely to apply to operations where the vehicle is the ’tool box’ for the main activity.

Exemptions

- VOSA believe the ’principal activity’ of the driver will depend on what the driver is employed to do, demonstrated from time driving

- Ultimately it will be the courts who decide…

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CPC Regulations and training

- Registering as a training centre
  - Training centre approval
  - Course approval

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CPC training

- Only courses and centres approved by JAUPT can provide training
- All drivers must undertake 35 hours of training in every five year period.
- The minimum length of a training course that contributes to the Periodic Training requirement is seven hours.

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CPC training

- The seven hours excludes any breaks; only direct training and contact time (time with a trainer) count towards the Periodic Training requirement.
- There are no tests or exams involved but training centres are required to evaluate each course to ensure that those attending have benefited from the training.

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CPC training

- The length of the course - courses must be at least seven hours in duration. Where courses are seven hours in duration, they can be divided into two parts, but the full course must be delivered within 24 hours.

- The total course length must be a full hour or half hour e.g. 7 hours or 7.5 hours but not 7.25 hours.

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CPC training

- Where courses are over seven hours, but can be delivered in blocks of seven hours (i.e. course of 14, 21, 28, or 35 hours), the full course must be delivered within the year of approval.
- Where courses are over seven hours but not divisible into blocks of seven hours (i.e. courses of 10 or 15 hours), the full course must be delivered over consecutive days and within the year of approval.

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CPC training

- Shorter modules can be submitted for approval as long as two of these modules can be combined to produce a seven hour course.

- Become an approved training centre?
- Co-operate with other authorities?
- Contract out?
- Send drivers to Open Courses?

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- Approved Courses
- Approved trainers for each course
- Modules must be linked to the directive syllabus
- Central DSA training record
- Suppliers will offer CPC and non CPC approved courses
- The recession will create problems in years 4 and 5

- Drivers are responsible for ensuring that they have undertaken sufficient periodic training hours by the relevant date to maintain their Driver CPC.

- The employer must not knowingly allow someone to drive professionally without a Driver CPC

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Driver Qualification Card

- After passing all 4 modules drivers are sent a Driver Qualification Card (DQC).

- Drivers must carry the DQC whilst driving. If a DQC has been lost, stolen or damaged, it must be reported to the DSA within 7 days

- Once reported, drivers will be able to drive for up to 15 days without a card while a replacement is issued.

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Impact of non-compliance

- Driver
  - £30 for card not carried
  - £1,000 for CPC non compliant
  - False CPC: 2 years imprisonment, unlimited fines

"It is an offence to fail to produce the card to a VOSA examiner”

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Other issues

- Non CPC staff
  - C1 holders – what happens to 7.5 tonne with “grandfather rights”?
  - Car and light van drivers

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Transport Responsibilities for Frontline Supervisors Course

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