



Driver & Vehicle
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The DVSA promise



Enable

Clear, easy to follow help and advice to customers



Prevent

Monitor customers to make sure they maintain standards



Respond

Use intelligence and evidence to take strong action for law breakers



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Lesley O'Brien OBE, Director Freightlink Europe

“I’m really keen on getting rid of cowboys in our industry and if Earned Recognition is going to give DVSA more time to focus on them, I’m all for that.”



Understand the help that is given

Enforcement operations manual



Categorisation of vehicle defects



Enforcement sanctions policy



Memo's - Policy updates - Cat of D - ESP and Stakeholder engagement



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Guide to maintaining roadworthiness

Outlining the regulatory requirements
and industry best practice

Commercial goods and public service vehicles



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Guide to Maintaining Roadworthiness (GTMR)

- DVSA worked with stakeholders & industry on updates
- New introduction regarding use of the guide
- Additional clarification / guidance for driver checks
- Main change relates to clarification for Brake Assessments
- Maintenance Provision Rating Scheme (MPRS)
- General grammatical changes including images

Changes to the drivers' hours rules for HGV & PSV operators

Updated 21 April 2025





Goods vehicles on international journeys must now produce 56 records when travelling to EU Member States

Goods vehicles to and through AETR countries must comply with AETR regulations – the 28 days production requirement applies

Goods vehicles travelling within GB will be under assimilated drivers' hours regulations – the 28 days production requirement applies



- PSVs travelling internationally to EU Member States or to or through any AETR country will need to comply with AETR regulations
- PSVs driving solely in the UK will need to comply with the assimilated drivers' hours regulations



Tachographs retrofit dates

Dates for retrofitting a Smart tachograph 2 for **goods vehicles**:

- 18th August 2025 if your vehicle is currently equipped with a smart Tachograph 1 for international journeys
- 1st July 2026 for vehicles with a gross vehicle weight between 2,500kg and 3,500kg if travelling internationally



How to contact the DVSA
Enforcement policy team...

Enforcementpolicy@dvsa.gov.uk

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**Setting exemplar standards
for safety and compliance**

Earned Recognition: Recognising compliance & road safety



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Earned Recognition Audit

- An ER audit must be carried out by a DVSA authorised audit provider, there are numerous to choose from, listed on gov.uk
- There are two sets of audit standards, one for HGV operators and one for PSV operators each with 10 sections
 1. Operator Licence
 2. Transport Manager or Responsible Person
 3. Vehicle Standards
 4. Driver Standards
 5. Operational Management
 6. Security Requirements
 7. Driver Management
 8. Training
 9. Additional Policies

Section 10

Dangerous Goods (HGV Operators)

Service Work (PSV Operators)

Operators will not be audited
on Section 10 if they do not do these activities

KPIs

Driver KPIs

- Overall Infringement rate
- Four Fixed Penalty Bands (current legislation)
- Working Time Directive
- PSV Domestic Drivers Hours KPIs are measured using Driver Allocation Systems (DAS)
- Monitoring daily and fortnightly rest
- MSI's

Vehicle KPIs

- Safety Records
- Safety Inspection records completed correctly & signed off
- Safety inspections completed within the stated frequency
- Driver defect reports where road safety related items have been reported are appropriately actioned
- Vehicle & trailer initial MOT pass rate



Road Safety Matters

Making every journey

safer in your community

Earned Recognition is a unique scheme through which we regularly monitor operators, checking that they achieve and maintain the highest standards of compliance. Its logo identifies operators of lorry and bus fleets of all sizes, including school bus services and refuse collection trucks.

These socially conscious operators adopt policies that promote safety, positive environmental impacts and the wellbeing of their communities. They improve outcomes for cities and towns, and the people who live and work there.



Earned Recognition: modules

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TfL Contractual Module



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London Power Tunnels (LPT2) Module



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Concrete Operational Module



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HS2 Module



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PSV Private Hire Module



ROAD TO



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Journey with us on the Road to Earned Recognition (R2ER)

- ✓ A new initiative to help new businesses develop and maintain high driver and vehicle standards
- ✓ Promote effective transport management
- ✓ Improve standards - Improve road safety – Improve employee wellbeing
- ✓ Reduce the risk of non-compliance and potential regulatory action from the Traffic Commissioners.
- ✓ Work with DVSA to improve road safety across Britain's roads and improve the outcomes for cities and towns

The consequences of non-compliance



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