

# LOGISTICS UK

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**Q** How do we find out where and when Public Inquiries are taking place and how to apply to attend in the audience or virtually?

**A** Public Inquiries are listed in Applications and Decisions on GOV.UK. Attendance is generally by walk-up and advising that you would like to attend the inquiry taking place. They will then direct you to the appropriate location.

**Q** What can a designated signatory sign-off with regards to the operator licence applications and are they different for GB and NI?

**A** There is no difference between NI and GB applications in this regard. Applications would need a director or signatory to sign the application and make the relevant declarations.

**Q** If your driver is returning to the industry and requires a UK domestic DCPC, what are the training requirements? The presentation mentioned 28 hours over 12 months.

**A** The return to driving module will be launched in February 2025 and once complete will allow a driver to drive professionally for 12 months. During this time, they must then complete the rest of the 28 DCPC hours required to receive a full card for the five years.

**Q** If DVSA are to move to more digital, will they remove the operator licence disc requirement to be displayed per vehicle?

**A** At the moment, there is a legal requirement to display, but this is something being looked at. It will require legislative change and any change is likely to be some time off.

**Q Can an ADI instructor for cars teach the five hours training?**

**A** Instructors must be listed on one of two registers, either the National Register of LGV Instructors or the National Vocational Driving Instructors Register.

**Q When recruiting, how will we verify that the five hours training has been completed for towing with an AFV with a registered instructor? Will this be on the licence?**

**A** No this will not be on the licence however you do have a certificate to say you have completed the training. Just to note with the category B concession you will not be able to tow.

**Q Is the driver training for the additional 5hrs for EVs declared over 3500kg still valid as a I've read numerous articles saying it was dropped?**

**A** Yes, it is still required at this time. There were plans under the previous government to remove the training, however this failed to get through parliament before the election and as such has not come into force.

**Q For new vehicles with GSR regs, do they form part of future MOT testing making sure they work?**

**A** There are no plans yet, but this is something that DVSA are looking into and will be discussing with us at our January Engineering Forums.

**Q For ADAS, you say 'all vehicles' fitted from 2026. Is this just vehicles over 3.5t or does it include cars and vans as well?**

**A** All ADAS systems should be treated in the same way.

**Q On the subject of vocational licence renewal, are DVLA still aligning expiry dates and therefore a renewal may happen past 45 years of age?**

**A** Yes, this could happen and a driver maybe 49 when their first medical is due. If this is the case the driver will need to ensure that they are safe to drive and report any new medical conditions to the DVLA if they arise during this time period.

**Q How long is temporarily for section 88?**

**A** Section 88 can be valid for up to 12 months from the date that the application is received at DVLA and so may be best practice to send recorded delivery, in order to evidence this date.

You must only drive vehicles you have applied for on your current application and were entitled to drive on your previous licence.

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