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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Motor Schools Association of Great Britain (MSA) makes the following response to the advance proof copy of the next version of the ADI 14 forwarded to us for comment on Friday 3 March.
- 1.2 The MSA is the national trade association for driving instructors and schools founded in 1935. Members of the association are in the main Driving Standards Agency Approved Driving Instructors (ADI). Following our merger with the Institute of Large Goods Vehicle Driving Instructors (ILGVDI), we also represent their interests together with those of a number of bus/coach instructors and motorcycle instructors.

2 GENERAL COMMENTS

- 2.1 The time available to MSA to respond to this consultation has obviously been limited therefore in order to canvass a range of expert opinion in a short period of time electronic copies of the draft ADI 14 were forwarded to all members of the MSA Board of Management their responses have been collated and appear below. It would be appreciated if future publication consultations such as the one we expect to receive regarding the proposed pack for newly qualified ADIs could give us a little more time to respond, perhaps fourteen days.

3 RESPONSE

- 3.1 Generally speaking we believe this publication to be excellent and are pleased that a number of improvements we have suggested previously have been addressed.
- 3.2 However, we are disappointed to note that a number of pictures remain unchanged.
 - 3.2.1 The pictures showing a car with L plates on pages 22 and 24 and a roof sign on pages 28, 33, and 36 all show the L on the nearside. We appreciate that this is not illegal but we believe it is very unprofessional. We would also point out that in all pictures of “real” driving schools used by DSA in publications and on display boards show the L plate on the off side.
 - 3.2.2 The Drivers Record shown on page 31 is out of date.
- 3.3 The following comments are listed by page number: Text between swung dashes(~) is from the publication

2 The text states The Agency is responsible for conducting all theory and practical driving tests in Great Britain.

We suggest that should read ~ conducting all **statutory** theory and practical

driving tests ~

There is no clear division between People with Disabilities and the Qualification Process which applies to all this could be confusing.

8 Regarding success rates, paragraph begins ~ As an indication ~ we feel this contains too many numbers and it would make for easier reading and comprehension to express the figures as percentages.

18 The text states ~ The car will be going on to a motorway or dual carriageway, so make sure that any roof signs are removed. This is misleading. It may be required to remove a roof sign because it has L plates on it; however, roof signs are used with learners on dual carriageways.

20 The text states ~ You must display the licence in the bottom left hand corner of the front windscreen of the car, whilst you are giving instruction. ~ This is not true the law requires the licence to be displayed on the left hand edge of the screen not necessarily in the bottom left corner.

28 The text states ~ You must also provide and display two L-plates for the test, (or D-plates in Wales) which must comply ~ We suggest that it should state to be displayed front and back and that if the supervisor plays the qualified driver role, the candidate should then remove them.

31 Should this be amended? Are copies still being sent out with driving licences? It has been suggested that they are not but we have been unable to confirm this in the time available.

32 Pages 32 to 35 cover the check test but no mention appears to be made of the possibility of the check test being supervised. That, if it is going to be supervised the ADI will be either be informed in advance or time will be allowed on the day for the ADI to explain the implications to the pupil. That, an ADI who fails a supervised check test will not have subsequent tests supervised. In addition the lesson may include inflating the tyres at a garage.

4 PUBLICATION OF MSA COMMENTS

4.1 We are content for our response to this consultation to be published by DSA.