



Response from
The Motor Schools Association of Great Britain
101 Wellington Road North, Stockport, Cheshire SK4 2LP
Tel: 0161 429 9669 Fax: 0161 429 9779 Email: mail@msagb.co.uk

May 2006

1.1 INTRODUCTION

1.2 The Motor Schools Association of Great Britain (MSA) makes the following response to the DSA Consultation regarding the revision of *The Highway Code* published 15th February 2006.

1.3 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). We also represent the interests of the Institute of Large Goods Vehicle Driving Instructors (ILGVDI), together with those of a number of bus/coach instructors and motorcycle instructors.

2 GENERAL COMMENTS

2.1 In order to collect as wide a range of views as possible before submitting the association's views on the consultation document we invited all MSA members to comment on it. We did this by featuring the consultation on the front page of the March 2006 edition of our monthly publication *MSA Newslink* we also advised members through the medium of our web site about the consultation and placed a link on the site to the consultation paper. We also developed an interactive presentation about the consultation that was delivered at the MSA National Conference held in Middlesbrough 24 to 26 March 2006 and at various other venues. Members of the association's Board of Management have also consulted members through regional meetings and the association's network of branches and associated local ADI groups.

3 RESPONSE

3.1 The following comments are listed by rule/page number.

3.2 Suggested changes

Rule / page no.	Suggested change	Reason
Page 30 Rule 108	In stationary queues of traffic, drivers should apply the parking brake and take their foot off the footbrake to deactivate the vehicle brake lights, minimising glare to vehicles behind until the traffic moves again. ADD <u>This should only be done once a vehicle has stopped behind your vehicle.</u>	The bright lights from the brake lights of a vehicle at the rear of a queue of traffic, act as a useful warning to following traffic of stationary vehicles ahead.

3.3 General Comments

Rule / page no.	Comment
Page 85	We welcome the inclusion of the signals given by School Crossing Patrols. However our members point out that very few patrols appear to know these signals and we suggest that further training should be given. It has also been suggested that a minimum qualification for becoming a schools crossing patrol officer should be the possession of a driving licence.
Page 111	We welcome the inclusion of the “ <i>Safety Code for New Drivers</i> ” in the Highway Code. We are pleased to note that at last something useful appears to have risen from the ashes of the DfT consultation paper “ <i>A more structured approach to learning to drive</i> ”.

4 CONCLUSION

4.1 We very much welcome the contents of this consultation and congratulate the authors on a job well done.

5 PUBLICATION OF MSA COMMENTS

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