

DSA Request for comments
CPD various papers regarding ADIs and Providers



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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Motor Schools Association of Great Britain (MSA) makes the following response to the DSA request for comments on various papers regarding CPD including draft guidelines for ADIs and Providers
- 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). We also represent the interests of prospective driving instructors (PDIs) and a number of LGV/PCV instructors and motorcycle instructors.

2 GENERAL COMMENTS

- 2.1 As this was not a formal consultation we did not circulate the papers to our membership. Papers were circulated to the MSA board of management and this response is as a result of discussion between them. In particular the MSA response has been arrived at by our representatives at the CPD workshops that have been held – Peter Harvey and John Lepine
- 2.2 We usually publish, in full, our responses to consultations and the MSA are usually content for any response we make to be published by the DSA on request. However, on this occasion because this is an informal response and we have not, as requested, published the papers we would not expect the DSA to publish our response and do not give permission for it to be published save to members of the CPD industry working party.

3 RESPONSE

- 3.1 We welcome the Workshop Report and the CPD Quick Start Guide and the Guidance Papers. We feel they are an accurate reflection of the discussions that have been held to date and an extremely good basis for further discussion prior to the introduction of a voluntary CPD scheme that we look forward to contributing to in the near future.

- 3.2 There are one or two areas where we feel the wording could be edited to better reflect the requirements stated – plain English.
- 3.3 The only area that appears not to have been covered, but we may have missed it, is regarding incentives for a voluntary scheme. A number of ideas have been proposed in the past including:
 - 3.3.1 the opportunity for those who take voluntary CPD to be entered on a DSA run internet directory of instructors:
 - 3.3.2 an extended period between check tests for participants in a voluntary CPD scheme;
 - 3.3.3 a reduced registration fee for those who attend CPD training courses or events.
- 3.4 We hope these can be discussed further at the CPD meeting in April 2007.