

Driving Standards Agency Consultation  
Modernising the arrangements for  
disabled Approved Driving Instructors

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## **THE ORGANISATION**

The Motor Schools Association of Great Britain (MSAGB) makes the following response to the Driving Standards Agency consultation concerning modernising the arrangements for disabled Approved Driving Instructors.

## **WHO WE REPRESENT**

The MSA is the national trade association for driving instructors and schools, which was founded in 1935. Members of the association are, in the main, Driving Standards Agency Approved Driving Instructors (ADI).

We also have a partnership with the Institute of Large Goods Vehicle Driving Instructors, representing their interests along with those of potential driving instructors and a number of bus, coach and motorcycle instructors.

## **HOW WE GATHERED VIEWS**

We have been restricted in our ability to canvass the views of members as we have only been allowed a limited time frame in order to assemble their views. In order to gather the views of MSA member's details of the consultation were circulated, via the relevant chair, to all of the ten MSA committees of the regions and nations of Great Britain. Details of the consultation were published on the MSA web site at [www.msagb.com](http://www.msagb.com). In addition the information was transmitted through MSA social media channels.

## **COMMENTS**

We have only commented on two of the proposals made. The proposals we have not commented on we are happy to accept.

## **DSA PROPOSALS**

- it would become a condition of registration that instructors ensure that they deliver instruction only in a vehicle where they can take control in an emergency, where it is reasonably foreseeable that they might have to do so, for example when instructing a novice driver.

*COMMENT: It would appear from this proposal that the changes would affect all ADIs as it would become a condition of registration that instructors ensure that they deliver instruction only in a vehicle where they can take control in an emergency. If this means that learner drivers could only train in a dual controlled vehicle this would be acceptable.*

*However, it would be completely unacceptable to allow members of the public to supervise learner drivers in a car with no dual controls but expect an ADI to only give lessons in a dual controlled car.*

- in exceptional circumstances, where the ADI Registrar had reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant could not take control of a vehicle in an emergency he would be able to require them to pass an ECA. The ADI Registrar could also, in exceptional circumstances, require a registered ADI to pass an ECA as a form of check test where he had reasonable grounds to believe that the ADI could not take control of a vehicle in an emergency.

*COMMENT: We have some concerns about the practical and safety implications of this proposal and would seek to work with DSA to ensure the safe introduction of this proposal.*

#### **PUBLICATION OF MSA COMMENTS**

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