



GRADUATED LICENCE SCHEME

Brake, the road safety charity, is campaigning for the introduction of a graduated licence scheme for learners and novice drivers.

Learners:

- A minimum learning period of one year before learner drivers can take their practical driving test, theory test and hazard awareness test.
- The learner's licence should not be fully valid until the learner driver has received a minimum of 10 hours' professional tuition in a car with dual controls.
- Learner drivers, as at present, should not be allowed to drive unsupervised, but the minimum age of accompanying drivers should be raised to at least 25.
- Accompanying drivers should also be registered as 'approved accompanying drivers' by completing a questionnaire to prove their suitability.
- Learner drivers should have the same restrictions placed upon them as novice drivers (see below).

Novice Drivers:

- Drivers should hold a 'novice' licence for a recommended two years after passing a practical driving test.
- Novice drivers should be allowed to drive unsupervised, but there should be certain restrictions on their driving, including:
 - *Novice drivers should only carry passengers who are younger than 25 under supervision. Parents who are novice drivers and need to carry their own children should be exempted.*
 - *Novice drivers should not be permitted to drive at night, for the recommended period of 11pm-6am, unless supervised or travelling directly from home to work or school.*
 - *Novice drivers should have a zero tolerance drink drive limit of 20mg of alcohol per 100ml blood [5].*
 - *Novice drivers should not drive on motorways*

2young2die

<http://www.2young2die.org.uk>

Brake also has a great website aimed at anyone who is interested helping to reduce accidents by young drivers. There are lots of on-line resources and videos and for those who want to get more involved they run training courses around the country. To find out more, once on the site click the tools button.



DSA's fast track service

Are you having trouble booking driving tests? When you use the DSA's Customer Service Centre make sure you use the fast track service:

1. Call **0300 200 1122** and dial one of these options:
 - all theory tests - dial 11
 - practical car test enquiry and booking (including ADIs) - dial 25
2. If your call isn't answered after 60 seconds, you'll be offered callback assist - this saves your place in the queue so you can hang up and get on with your day.
3. You'll need to confirm the number you want DSA to call you back on - it can be a land-line or mobile, and it doesn't have to be the number you are calling from at the time.
4. Speak your name and hang up when you are told to.
5. As soon as you reach the front of the queue, DSA will call you back - don't worry if you are on the phone - DSA will try three times.
6. If your number's been engaged and you haven't heard back from DSA within 30 minutes, you'll need to go back to step one.

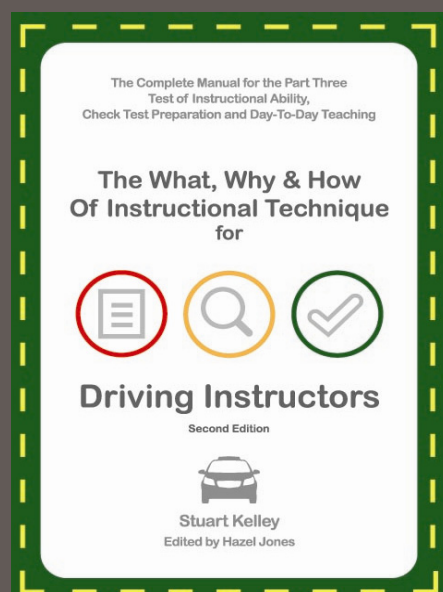
Remember this service is only for driver and rider trainers.

Driving Lessons at 11 years old!

Thousands of children are enrolling in driving courses at specialist centres around the country.

Rospa has warned these courses could make young drivers over confident and so more likely to crash. Also they are likely to take less driving lessons and consequently have less experience on the road before passing their test.

However in Sweden, allowing drivers to practise on roads from the age of 16 cut accidents amongst newly qualified drivers by 40%, according to a study.



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No Changes until 2014??

In recent newsletters I have been informing you about changes that could be taking place in our industry including the introduction of the new driving standards, making ORDIT mandatory for instructor training, mandatory CPD and introduction of motorway tuition.

In a recent interview Rosemary Thew, DSA Chief Executive said that it is unlikely that any of these changes will be implemented before 2014.

Well by that time we will have had another general election and if there is a change of government, one wonders what will happen to the proposals then?

STATISTICS

Pass Plus

Take up of Pass Plus has dipped from its peak of around 25% to just 11% today.

Observer on Test

Only 17% of ADI's sit in on tests.

Learner drivers

The number of learners is falling: a few years ago test numbers stood at 1.8 million. These are expected to fall to 1.53 million in 2014-15

CPD

Only 15% of ADI's have declared their commitment to CPD on the DSA on-line database.

RENEWING YOUR ADI REGISTRATION

You can now give the Driving Standards Agency (DSA) permission to use your photo-card driving licence photo for your approved driving instructor (ADI) certificate. This makes renewing your ADI registration quicker and easier than ever before. To find out more watch the following video:

<http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAB964530D9007F73>

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