

Safety Belts on Buses - Owner declaration

(This is an important document – please retain for future use)

Part A - To be completed by the Vehicle Owner

Bus owners must present this declaration to the authorised tester. You must confirm the type of certification accompanying the vehicle (tick box 1 – 4 below as appropriate) and attach such certification to this document. By making this declaration you will also be stating that, to the best of your knowledge, the seat and safety belt installations of the vehicle have not been modified in any way since the attached certification was issued.

Upon successful completion of the verification exercise* the authorised tester will stamp the original owner declaration, as completed by you, and return it to you. You should retain the original stamped declaration as proof that your bus has passed the verification exercise. You will require this proof from October 2011 in order to provide services for the organised transport of children. You will also require this proof at your next roadworthiness test.

***Important Note:**

The verification exercise at the roadworthiness test confirms only that the appropriate certification (which demonstrates that the safety belt installation meets a minimum standard) has been presented to the authorised tester. It is not, and should not be regarded as, a confirmation of anything else and it remains each bus owner's legal responsibility to ensure the vehicle and its components, including safety belts where fitted, comply with the appropriate requirements of Road Traffic legislation.¹

To be signed by vehicle owner:

I hereby declare that the attached:

- type approval certificate/certificate of conformity
- certification from the vehicle manufacturer² confirming that the safety belts and their fitment meet either EC type approval standards or UK national standards
- certification from a competent person that the safety belts and their fitment have been inspected and been passed for the school transport scheme (equivalent to UK visual inspection standard)
- certification from a competent person or vehicle manufacturer² confirming that the safety belt installation conforms with the standards set out in the CE&U Regulations

is valid for the vehicle, with vehicle identification number (VIN) _____ and registration number _____, and the seat and safety belt installations of this vehicle have not been modified in such a way that would render the attached certification invalid.

Signed (Vehicle Owner) _____ Date _____

Part B - To be completed by the Authorised Tester

This declaration and accompanying certification has been checked as part of the roadworthiness inspection of the above vehicle. I am satisfied that:

- the Owner Declaration is completed and signed
- the appropriate certification for the safety belt installation is attached, and
- that the Owner Declaration and the attached certification are valid for the vehicle presented.

A copy of this declaration and attached certification has been retained on file in this Test Centre. [The original stamped declaration must be given to the vehicle owner.]



Signed (Authorised Tester) _____ Date _____

¹ S.I. No. 190 of 1963, Road Traffic (Construction, Equipment and Use of Vehicles) Regulations

² Vehicle manufacturer can also mean a vehicle body builder or safety belt installer engaged in the installation of safety belts to EC type approval or UK national standards.