



Tástáil Ródacmhainneachta um Fheithiclí Tráchtála
Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness Testing

Key updates to the Premises & Equipment Guidelines

The key modifications in the updated Road Safety Authority, Premises and Equipment Guidelines for CVR Test Operators' are summarised below:

- The 2004 Guidelines required that all CVR testing centres must have a clear physical partition between test activities and other activities on the premises. Section 1 of these Guidelines provide that the Authority will accept a 2 metre high partition dividing test lanes from workshops as meeting its requirements in this regard. Where the Authority is satisfied that a 2 metre high partition is not physically possible, the CVR test operator is being asked to put forward proposals to otherwise meet the requirement to have a clear physical partition between test activities and other activities on the premises for approval by the Authority.
- Provision for cases where it is physically impossible to meet door height, drive through or pit lane requirements.
- Clarification of requirements of methods to view test lanes;
- Requirement to provide space for a television display and A2 posters and display stands to enable the display of information materials and Road Safety messages, as stipulated by the RSA;
- Requirement to assign an individual reference number to each testing lane and the preparation of a Test Centre Diagram illustrating the designation of each lane;
- Requirement to facilitate consistency checks on test lane equipment;
- Premises location requirements;
- Additional guidance on requirements to obtain and maintain ISO 9001 fully incorporating CITA 9B accreditation
- Insurance requirements based on feedback from VTN insurers.
- Additional equipment such as glass opacity meters, light check mirrors and electronic output from the headlight focus.

A full equipment and software specification will issue separately. The Commercial Vehicle Information System ("COVIS") will be deployed to all CVR testing centres in 2013. The equipment and software specification requirements are under review and it is intended that a minimum specification will issue in the short term. The Guidelines refer to COVIS and reflect it in terms of requirements for information exchange, its intended use for record management and in general use.

