



Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness reform programme

Briefing to the Test Network
June 2012

Today's briefing

- Summary of key provisions from the new CVR Act
- Outline of transition to the Road Safety Authority
- The role of CoVIS as it relates to test centres
- Update on future training provision
- Compliance assessment visits
- Call to action: what test centres need to be prioritising now

Road Safety Authority (Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness) Act 2012- key aspects



➤ Key definitions

“**CVR testing centres**” means the properties used by CVR test operators, from time to time, in carrying out Commercial Vehicle Tests.

“**CVR test operator**” means any person licensed under the CVR Enactments to carry out Commercial Vehicle Tests at a CVR testing centre.

“**CVR tester**” means any person authorised under the CVR Enactments to test Commercial Vehicles at a CVR testing centre.

Road Safety Authority (Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness) Act 2012- key aspects



- Authorisation of CVR Test Operators
- Authorisation of CVR Testers
- Transitional provisions for current authorised testers
- Fit and proper person / good standing
- Supervision and inspection arrangements
- Performance management arrangements
- Appeals process

Road Safety Authority (Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness) Act 2012- key aspects



➤ Authorisation of CVR Test Operators

- Automatic authorisation of existing authorised testers for 2 years
- Applications for renewal must be received within 18 months
- Premises / competence / accessibility/ IT linkage included in criteria for acceptance (section 11 refers)

➤ Authorisation of CVR Testers

- Automatic authorisation of existing testers for 18 months
- Continued authorisation dependent on being a 'fit and proper person' and meeting quality standards

Road Safety Authority (Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness) Act 2012- key aspects



- Transitional provisions for current authorised testers
 - Automatic transfer of authorisation for 2 years
 - Acceptance of RSA supervisory arrangements
 - Acceptance of IT connectivity to RSA through CoVIS
 - Review of current derogations
- Fit and proper person/ good standing
 - Takes into account convictions for a range of offences
 - Must notify RSA within 3 months of enactment of regulations or at time of new applications
 - Applies to CVR test operator and to CVR testers
 - RSA will determine whether or not a person is fit and proper
 - Failure to notify relevant facts is an offence and will deem person not to be fit and proper

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- Supervision and inspection arrangements
 - Single authority, RSA, will be responsible for all supervisory and inspection arrangements
 - Test centres will be subject to regular inspections, including:
 - Observed and independent check tests
 - Video and digital image recording
 - Consistency checks
- Performance management arrangements
 - Development of Test Centre Risk Indicator (TCRI)
 - Issuing directions and follow-up
 - Suspension of authorisation for breaches of conditions
 - Revocation of authorisation

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➤ Appeals process

- CVR test operator or CVR tester may, within 21 days, appeal a decision to suspend or revoke his authorisation
- Authority will appoint independent appeals officer
- If appellant is dissatisfied with the outcome, he may further appeal to Circuit Court

Transition process

– from Local Authorities to the RSA



- Key elements of the transition approach
 - ‘Grandfathering’ across of existing authorised centres from LAs to the RSA
 - Acceptance of applications for new entrants to the market
 - Issue of 2012 Premises & Equipment Guidelines
 - PwC test centre compliance assessment visits
 - RSA inspectors have piloted new test centre inspection forms and will continue to attend visits in an observational/support capacity to LAOs until transition is complete
 - Test centre “Frequently Asked Questions” document is now on RSA website

Transition process

– from MTOs to the RSA



- Key elements of the transition approach
 - Pass statements
 - Responsibility for distribution and control of pass statement books will transfer to RSA
 - When transition to CoVIS is completed, pass statements will become electronic records and printed test reports on plain paper
 - CRWs will continue to be issued by MTOs until CoVIS is implemented
 - When CoVIS is implemented, CRWs will be issued centrally through National Vehicle and Driver File (NVDF)
 - Old style pass statements must be exchanged at MTOs within a short time of transition to CoVIS

Transition timetable



- Transition timetable
 - PwC compliance assessment visits Q3 2012
 - Appointment of:
 - Technical inspection services contractor Q3 2012
 - Completion of Regulations Q4 2012
 - Transfer of responsibility to RSA Q4 2012
 - Test centre inspections Q4 2012
 - Inspections at operator premises Q1 2013
 - CVR test operators renewal applications ASAP (latest Q1 2014)

Role of CoVIS as it relates to CVR testing centres

- Systems at test centres
 - Booking of test appointments (including voluntary tests and safety checks etc)
 - Recording presentation of vehicles for test, including master record checks
 - Recording of test outcomes
 - Automatic recording of outputs from test equipment
 - Use of PDAs for visual fault recording
 - Printing of test results
 - Automatic transfer of results for centralised CRW printing
 - Management information system for use by CVR test operators

Role of CoVIS as it relates to CVR testing centres

- Supervisory systems at test centres
 - Recording of test equipment and calibration dates
 - CVR testers authorisations and training records
 - Monitoring and disciplinary records
 - Complaints management
 - Authority test fee (levy) payment processing
 - On-hold function to facilitate re-inspection
 - Remote observation of testing
 - Video recording and digital image of vehicle undergoing test
 - Management information on testing performance

CoVIS timetable

- System design complete Q3 2012
- System development and testing completed Q1 2013
- Hardware rollout to test centres Q2 2013
- Phase 1 service implementation Q2 2013
 - Including most test centre systems
- Phase 2 service implementation Q3 2013
 - Including TCRI and other authority systems
- Phase 3 service implementation Q4 2013
 - Including roadside enforcement support systems
- Design workshops with SIMI representatives are currently under way

Future training provision

- The Road Safety Authority has issued a public tender for training of CVR Test Operators and CVR Testers
- The concession contract is on track to be awarded within the next few weeks
- The new training courses will be launched in Q4 2012 and support initial, refresher, and ADR training

Compliance Assessment visits

- All centres should be visited by end Q3 2012
- The review will enable RSA to assess compliance with test equipment and standards
- Where review confirms they are ready, test centres will be encouraged to renew authorisation as soon as possible
- Test centres should use the opportunity to request clarification of issues relating to the changes proposed

Current priorities for test centres

- Premises and equipment enhancements
 - 2012 Premises & Equipment Guidelines will be issued within the next few weeks
- ISO/CITA9B
 - 9 test centres have completed - further 106 are under way
 - don't get left behind!
- Register of testers – confirmations required
 - Authority will issue questionnaires within the next few days,
 - Need a clear picture to smooth transition on to register when RSA take over
 - Please respond promptly
 - If questionnaire not received by mid-July please contact RSA

Current priorities for test centres

- Branding changes
 - Options currently being considered by RSA may result in changes to current branding
 - Suggest test centres do not incur brand related costs in the meantime

Future communications

- Follow-up with centres unable to attend today
- One to one update during compliance assessment visits
- 4 regional meetings to be held in late August
- November SIMI AGM update
- IT communications and training – Q1 2013
- Quarterly newsletters