

**NOTE: THIS CIRCULAR HAS BEEN REPLACED BY VI 06/09**

Circular RSA VI 04/09

15th May 2009.

**To all Vehicle Testing Authorised Officers and Authorised HGV Test Centres**

**Driving Mirrors – Clarification for N2 Vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight exceeding 3,500kg and not exceeding 7,500kg.**

Following Circular RSA VI 03/09, this circular is to give notice to all vehicle testing authorised officers and authorised HGV Test Centres of changes to the categories of vehicles subject to the mirror retrofitting requirements. The updated mirror page of the HGV manual has also been attached.

Vehicles of categories N<sub>2</sub> exceeding 3,500kg Design Gross Vehicle Weight (DGWV) and not exceeding 7,500kg DGWV first registered since 1st January 2000 will not be tested at this time for the close proximity (Class V) mirror on the passenger's side (near side) but will still be tested for the wide angle (Class IV) mirror. This is a change from our previous circulars and it is intended that testing of the close proximity (Class V) mirrors will take place once clarification has been received for derogations that exist for this category of vehicle.

Vehicles of categories N<sub>2</sub> exceeding 7,500kg DGWV and all N<sub>3</sub> category vehicles **MUST** be tested for wide angle (Class IV) and close proximity (Class V) mirrors. These are in addition to the main (Class II) mirror already mandatory on both the driver's and passenger's side and will be tested in accordance with the procedure set out in the Roadworthiness Test manual.

***Checking both the wide angle and close proximity mirrors will be part of the annual roadworthiness test for these vehicles from May 18<sup>th</sup> 2009.*** The purpose of this circular is to outline a change for vehicles of categories N<sub>2</sub> exceeding 3,500kg Design Gross Vehicle Weight (DGWV) and not exceeding 7,500kg DGWV. The RSA approved mirror checking tools have been distributed to all HGV Test Centres and should be used in accordance with the provisions laid out in the test specifications already circulated to the Vehicle Testing Network. Please note that only the approved RSA mirror checking tool should be used when testing these mirrors per the procedure detailed in the attached updated mirror test page of the HGV manual.

If you have any queries in relation to this circular, please do not hesitate to contact Justin Martin at [JustinMartin@rsa.ie](mailto:JustinMartin@rsa.ie) or on 096-25109.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Seán Breathnach', written over a horizontal line.

Seán Breathnach

Senior Vehicle Inspector