

Circular RSA VI 07/11

13th December 2011

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

Ongoing Requirements for Bus Safety Belt Certification

After 29th October 2011, if a bus is presented for test with safety belts fitted and has a correctly completed, stamped and signed Owner Declaration Form from a previous test, this is acceptable as proof that the bus has completed the Bus Safety Belt Certification Process. A copy of the presented Owner Declaration Form should be taken by the tester and retained with the test records.

By the owner / driver presenting the previously completed Owner Declaration Form, they are declaring that the seat and safety belt installations of the vehicle have not been modified in any way since the certification was issued. Therefore if any modifications have been made to these installations, it is the responsibility of the owner to declare this and have the modified installations certified. A bus that has not been modified will only have to undergo the Bus Safety Belt Certification Process once.

If the owner / driver does not present a previously completed Owner Declaration Form, they must comply with all the requirements of the Safety Belt Certification Process. Copies of the detailed instructions previously supplied to testers and all previous circulars regarding this subject are available on the RSA website at www.rsa.ie or by contacting the RSA at cvtadmin@rsa.ie.

If you have any queries in relation to this circular, in the first instance contact your local Authorised Officer for Vehicle Testing or the RSA Vehicle Inspector in your area.

Yours Sincerely,

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

Seán Breathnach

Senior Vehicle Inspector