**Governance and Management Arrangements**

The governance of the RSA is set out in the following diagram:

**Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport**

The RSA is an agency of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. The setting of road safety policy remains the function of the Minister for Tourism, Transport and Sport. The Road Safety Authority is the primary organisation responsible for advising on and evaluating road safety policy.

**RSA Board**

The board of the Authority has been place since the Authority was established in September 2006. The board membership was reconfigured in 2011 and in 2013, a new chairperson was appointed upon the expiry of the previous chairperson’s term of office.

The role of the Board is:

* Corporate governance and oversight of the work of the Authority and its executive
* Provide leadership and define the medium and long term strategy and strategic goals of the RSA
* Provide governance and oversight on the Authority’s road safety mandate and its suite of public services
* Oversight over the Authority’s revenue, expenditure, and legal and regulatory compliance
* Approval of major investments and capital projects

Currently the composition of the board includes a Chairperson and eight ordinary members. Section 14 (3) of the Road Safety Authority Act states that the board shall consist of a chairperson and not less than 6 and not more than 11 ordinary members.

The current composition of the Board is:

| **Name** | **Position type** |
| --- | --- |
| Liz O'Donnell | Chairperson |
| Aideen Carberry | Board Member |
| Aileen O'Toole | Board Member |
| Aine Carroll | Board Member |
| Edward Rock | Board Member |
| John Lumsden | Board Member |
| John Mulvihill | Board Member |
| Ronan Melvin | Board Member |
| Sean Finan | Board Member |

**RSA CEO & Executive**

The current CEO of the RSA is Ms. Moyagh Murdock. Moyagh took over from Noel Brett as the CEO of the Road Safety Authority in February 2014.

The RSA is organised into four directorates

* Standards & Enforcement. Director – Denise Barry
* Driver Testing & Licensing. Director – Declan Naughton
* Road Safety, Research & Driver Education. Director– Michael Rowland
* Financial and Commercial Services – Pearse White

A brief description of each directorates function is provided below.

Driver Testing & Licensing

The Driver Testing & Licensing directorate is responsible for the driver testing system and for the management of the driver instructor and licensing regime.

* Delivery of the driver testing service
* Regulation of driving instruction
* Oversight of driver licensing regime
* Oversight of delivery of driver theory test service
* Management of penalty points system

## Road Safety, Research & Driver Education

The role of the Road Safety, Research & Driver Education directorate is to raise awareness of road safety, educate road users and conduct research into road safety issues.  
  
The directorate works with all stakeholders signed up to the Road Safety Strategy to ensure that road safety initiatives are achieved.

Standards & Enforcement

The Standards & Enforcement directorate exists to ensure that national and EU vehicle standards and road safety legislation are complied with. Responsibilities include:

* Type approval and regulation of the entry into service of new vehicles and the regulation of vehicles in use on our roads
* Enforcing EU and national road transport legislation on tachographs, drivers’ rules, Working Time Directive and licensing of road haulage and passenger operations
* Overseeing the Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness Scheme to ensure the quality and integrity of the scheme and assist the An Garda Síochána in roadside roadworthiness checks of commercial vehicles
* Administering the National Car Testing Service project agreement and monitoring the performance of the contractor on behalf of the State
* Administering the Digital Tachograph Card issuing scheme on behalf of the State

The Enforcement and Commercial Vehicle Testing functions are located in Loughrea section is based in Loughrea. The Vehicle Standards function is based in Ballina.

Financial and Commercial Services

The financial and commercial services directorate provides support functions, systems and structures to the RSA. Its functions include:

* Finance
* Human resources
* Procurement
* Freedom of Information
* Data Protection
* Risk Management
* Estate management

It is also responsible for business and organisational planning, corporate governance, including internal audit, and the director is the secretary to the RSA Board.

The diagram below shows the structure of the RSA.