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**Consultation  
on the  
legislative amendments  
proposed as a consequence  
of the merger of  
the Driving Standards Agency  
and the Vehicle & Operator Services  
Agency**

**Summary of Responses**

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# Introduction

The consultation on the legislative amendments proposed as a consequence of the merger of the Driving Standards Agency and the Vehicle & Operator Services Agency was published on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2013, and the consultation period closed on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2014. The objective was to seek views on proposed amendments to legislation to replace references to DSA and VOSA with the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) as set out in the consultation document which is available via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications>

Responses were able to be received via one of three channels:

- Online through the response form which accompanied the consultation.
- By email to the DSAVOSANameChange inbox.
- By post.

The question asked in the consultation was:

The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) is the new name for the Agency created by the merger of DSA and VOSA. Do you have any comments on the consequential amendment of the legislation listed at Annex A to replace references to DSA and VOSA?

# 1. Executive Summary

**1.1** There were 22 responses to the consultation.

**1.2** These can be divided into 2 stakeholder segments:

- Private Individuals – 14 responses
- Organisations – 8 responses

**1.3** Of these, only 15 provided any views on the question. Analysis of the responses from each stakeholder segment can be obtained in the appendices to this document.

**1.4** From overall analysis of the responses, there were some suggestions for a more generic reference in the relevant legislation. This was equally matched with those with no comment or advising little impact.

**1.5** Of those suggesting a change, the views suggested references in legislation should refer to “Department of Transport” or “Government” approved trainer, instructors or examiners, rather than “Driver & Vehicle Standards Agency” approved.

## 2. Responses to Question

The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) is the new name for the Agency created by the merger of DSA and VOSA. Do you have any comments on the consequential amendment of the legislation listed at Annex A to replace references to DSA and VOSA?	15 Comments
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### Top points raised:

The changes will have no or little impact.

Change to legislative references should read “Department for Transport” or “Government” Approved trainer, examiner or instructor.

### Comments included:

“Instructors should be renamed "Government Approved Driving Instructors" is shorter than the current title and sounds more official”

“The title of a Driving Standards Approved Driving Instructor should be amended to Government Approved Professional Driver Trainer.”

“Update reference of 'Driving Standards Agency Approved Driving Instructor (Car)' to 'Government Approved Driving Instructor (Car)' to make it clearer to the public that ADIs are approved by government.”

“The shorter and simpler the name the easier people can remember and refer to it. If you need to differentiate a car from HGV from motorcycle instructor, then the use of the bracketed word would be suitable, eg (car). The word approved, accredited, authorised or certified would be suitable, so long as the selected word can be protected from unauthorised use within the new legislation.”

“Proposed merger should have little direct impact on our organisation.”

“Good choice of name”

# Appendix A Detailed List of Respondents

Progressive Motorcycle Trainers

AIM Driving Schools

Trentbarton Buses

KB Reinforcements

Euro Driver CPC Limited

Alpha Rider Training

Scottish Court Service

**Private Individuals – 14**

# Appendix B Responses from Organisations and Private Individuals

## Organisations

“Proposed merger should have little direct impact on our organisation”

“No comment on the legislation listed in Annex A”

“Instructors should be renamed "Government Approved Driving Instructors" is shorter than the current title and sounds more official.”

## Private Individuals

“Department Of Transport Approved Driving Instructor”

“The title of a Driving Standards Approved Driving Instructor should be amended to Government Approved Professional Driver Trainer.”

“Department for transport approved driving instructor.”

“Update reference of 'Driving Standards Agency Approved Driving Instructor (Car)' to 'Government Approved Driving Instructor (Car)' to make it clearer to the public that ADIs are approved by government.”

“do away with the ( Car) an Approved Driving Instructor should be just that Approved to give Instruction in any Vehicle for which they hold a full current entitlement to drive, After all you don't have ADI (mini), ADI (fiesta) ADI (transit).Call your agency what you like, but leave ADIs' out of the mix. Driving Examiners work for DSA/VOSA /DVSA we don't.”

My suggestion for the 'new' name for an authorised / approved driving car instructor would simply be...

"Approved Driving Instructor".

“The shorter and simpler the name the easier people can remember and refer to it. If you need to differentiate a car from HGV from motorcycle instructor, then the use of the bracketed word would be suitable, eg (car).The word approved, accredited, authorised or certified would be suitable, so long as the selected word can be protected from unauthorised use within the new legislation.”

“Good choice of name”