

Responses to the Consultation paper:

The Driving Instruction (Suspension and Exemption Powers) Act 2009

Compensation scheme

Responses to Proposals

An executive agency of the







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Proposal 1: Do you agree with the proposal to include a time limit of two years for claims to be made?

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Disagree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Respondent: Other

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: We consider this to be more than sufficient time.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments:

2 years as a general limit is within acceptable limits, however I feel that there needs to be safe guards built into the system whereby a claim can be made outside this time limit in exceptional circumstances.

Such circumstances could be where exculpatory evidence becomes available after the time limit has expired, or, in circumstances outside the applicants control, evidence required by the DSA is not available within the time limit, but subsequently becomes available. There are numerous other circumstances that are forseeable, that would make a hard and fast time limit inequitable and undesirable.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Slightly Disagree

Comments: Any claim should be completed within a 6 month period.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Local Road Safety Officer

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: Providing this two years starts at the end of the

suspension

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: decision is made.

The two year limit should start from the date any final

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: This seems a fair and reasonable time scale.

Respondent: Local Road Safety Officer

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Disagree

Comments: This should be only 6 months.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Slightly Disagree

Comments:

2 years is too long. Anyone subject to temporary suspension will need compensation immediately. They should be able to compile most of the necessary supporting documentation during the suspension period or immediately afterwards. Such evidence is easier to compile while fresh.

Personally I think 3 months should be sufficient, maybe 6 months max.

Respondent: Other

Response: Totally Agree

Comments:

Reasonable. No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Slightly Agree

Comments:

Sometimes investigations can take longer depending on witnesses.

Respondent: **Driver Training Representative Organisation**

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: **Driver Training Representative Organisation**

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Local Road Safety Officer

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: **Driver Training Representative Organisation**

Response: Totally Agree

Proposal 2: Do you agree with the proposal to require claims to be submitted in writing with relevant supporting documentation?

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments:

Writing should include e-mails with documents attached, due to unreliability and cost of postage, especially with larger letters.

Respondent: Other

Response: Slightly Agree

Comments:

Supporting documentation may not always be available for self employed instructors.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments:

Clearly any such claims require to be official and, thus, in writing. However, it would be interesting to learn what the 'supporting documentation' would actually be.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Slightly Agree

Comments:

Claimants should have the option to submit electronic claims applications as as an alternative hard copy written ones.

Whilst I foresee that most claimants will be in a position to supply supporting documentation, I DO NOT agree that failure to supply supporting documentation should automatically lead to forfeiture of the claim.

NB! There are foreseeable circumstances where a claimants accounts and other documentation may have been seized by the police as part of an investigation and the applicant may be experiencing difficulty in getting these documents returned. In my experience it is not unusual for the police to lose, misplace, damage or destroy in error, documents gathered as part of the evidence in a case.

As most ADI's are micro businesses, it is likely that business documentation will be stored in their cars and/or their homes and it is forseeable that such documentation could be lost due to theft from either of the above or from fire, storm damage etc.

Any compensation system should be flexible enough to cope with the applicant's actual circumstances and the claim should not be automatically defeated for an inability to produce documentation that is caused by circumstances outside the applicant's control.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Local Road Safety Officer

Response: Totally Agree

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments:

Ensuring that the prescribed form is not too difficult to complete and submit.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments:

This seems a fair and reasonable time scale to submit any claims.however, care will need to be exercised if claims are for whatever reason submitted close to the deadline.

Respondent: Local Road Safety Officer

Response: Totally Agree

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Other

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: Reasonable.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Slightly Agree

Comments:

Yes, claims should be submitted in writing with a two year limit providing when the suspension is overturned the ADI is informed of this requirement by the DSA in writing.

Supporting documentation is more difficult.

For the new ADI, how does he prove what he has lost if there are no previous trading years to refer too?

For the more established ADI, the working week varies week upon week, even year upon year.

Each year of trading, once established, tends to bring more work by way of recommendations that accumulate as time goes by.

Furthermore, work is seasonal; if a period over Xmas was suspended, little work would be usually be lost, where as a period of suspension during Spring or Autumn (ie, when the Universities return in a town like Plymouth or Exeter) would be more costly.

A flat 'average' fee would be more simple to administer and fairer.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: **Driver Training Representative Organisation**

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: **Driver Training Representative Organisation**

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Local Road Safety Officer

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: **Driver Training Representative Organisation**

Response: Totally Agree

Proposal 3: Do you agree with the proposal to allow DSA to request further reasonable information or documentation from the claimant to facilitate validation or processing of the claim and to make payment of compensation conditional upon its provision?

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Slightly Disagree

Comments:

Compensation payments should NOT be conditional, and NO additional cost should have to be met by the claimant.

Respondent: Other

Response: Largely Disagree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments:

Marked as such because the term 'reasonable' is open to wide interpretation by all concerned parties. The term creates an unclear situation at consultation level.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Slightly Disagree

Comments:

Requesting reasonable further information is ok.

To make payment of compensation conditional on receiving it is not.

The applicant may not be in a position to supply the information requested or may not be able to get the information from a third party through no fault of his own.

If the claimant can show reasonable but unsuccessful, effort to obtain the requested information or reasonable reason for not supplying information requested, then the claim should proceed unhindered.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Local Road Safety Officer

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments:

Although I agree that the DSA should be allowed to ask for reasonable further information or documentation from the claimant, I do not believe that it should be a condition that compensation will only be paid if this information is provided. In cases where this information is not/can not be provided then compensation should be paid on the merits of the current information available.

Paying, or considering paying compensation only if, following such a request, further information or documentation is provided is a form of blackmail. It should not be a condition on which to pay/not pay compensation.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments:

This must not be seen as a way of making it too difficult to make a claim.... the emphasis must be on REASONABLE.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments:

Not conditional, unless provision is made for documentation that cannot be reasonably attained due to time lapse or other!! ie. Fire or theft!

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: In agreement

Respondent: Local Road Safety Officer

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Other

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: Reasonable.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Slightly Disagree

Comments:

How does a new ADI with little or no past trading years provide proof of what he has lost.

Driving Tuition is quite seasonal in most parts of the country, especially in University towns.

It would be dependant on which part of the year an ADI was suspended as to how much he actually loses.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Slightly Agree

Comments:

No, if the person is acquitted, then he is acquitted, however losses would need to be proven.

Respondent: **Driver Training Representative Organisation**

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: **Driver Training Representative Organisation**

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Local Road Safety Officer

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: **Driver Training Representative Organisation**

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Proposal 4: Do you agree with the proposal to allow DSA to seek consent for reasonable enquiries to be made of third parties to assist in validation or processing of the claim and for payment of compensation to be conditional on such consent being given?

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Slightly Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Slightly Disagree

Comments:

Compensation payments should NOT be conditional, and no extra costs should be met by the claimant.

Respondent: Other

Response: Largely Disagree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments:

Again, very muddy in wording. What third parties? Can DSA approach any Tom. Dick and Harry? What about Data Protection and Human Rights? If DSA want carte blanche, then my reply here would be Totally Disagree.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments:

This again should not be an absolute condition.

It would be far more equitable if this were re-worded so that the DSA had the right to ask for consent to contact third parties and that payment of compensation would be conditional on such consent: not being UNREASONABLY withheld.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Slightly Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Respondent: Local Road Safety Officer

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments:

Although I agree that the DSA should be allowed to ask for consent from the claimant for reasonable enquiries to be made of third parties, I do not believe that it should be a condition that compensation will only be paid if this consent is given. In cases where consent is withheld then compensation should be paid on the merits of the current information available.

Paying, or considering paying compensation only if consent is given is a form of blackmail. It should not be a condition on which to pay/not pay compensation.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments:

See comments at Q3 - similar comment here. This must not become a way of stalling or obstructing the claim

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments:

Payment should not be withheld if consent not given, provided suitable reasoning is given!

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No Objections

Respondent: Local Road Safety Officer

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Other

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: Reasonable

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Slightly Agree

Comments:

This runs the risk of an ADI who has been wrongly suspended having the smear of being suspended for some reason being known to outside parties.

Many ADI's do not use accountants.

Respondent: 40 Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Slightly Agree

Comments:

No, if the person is acquitted, then he is acquitted, however losses would need to be proven.

Respondent: **Driver Training Representative Organisation**

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: **Driver Training Representative Organisation**

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Local Road Safety Officer

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: **Driver Training Representative Organisation**

Response: Totally Agree

Proposal 5: Do you agree with the proposal for the amount of compensation to be paid in respect of income lost, to be based upon either:

(A) the actual amount lost; or

(B) fixed daily rates.

Consultees are invited to express their preference between the two options.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Option A

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Option B

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Option A

Comments:

I have chosen A because I think it would encourage better co-operation from individuals to resolve any investigation quickly & also be less of a financial burden to the DSA.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Option A

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Option B

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Option B

Comments:

To reduce unnecessary administration costs for both parties.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Option B

Comments:

Option A is the best except for how to take into account future learners, advertising cost that have already been paid etc.

Option B would be easier, but most instructors teach more than 28 hours a week, the average is more likely to be 35 hours a week.

Respondent: Other

Response: Option B

Comments:

Providing this option takes into account a seven day working week, and a reasonable number of hours worked.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Option A

Comments:

There are widely varying lesson charges throughout the UK and it would be unjust to all if a fixed rate was applied. Also, how would this fixed rate be decided upon?

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: No preference made

Comments:

I would suggest the average weekly earnings of the claimant taken over the previous two years to be considered as an option to the above.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Option A

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Option A

Comments:

But there should be a fall back amount payable if claimants are not able to supply documentation to confirm their previous income/work patterns in circumstances outside their control.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Option A

Comments:

Fixed rates could be good for some, and bad for others. Actual amount is a much fairer way of doing it.

However the point about extra admin costs the DSA's end is understandable.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Option B

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Option A

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Local Road Safety Officer

Response: Option A

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Option B

Comments:

This option will not be fair on everyone - there will be winners and losers. However I believe that this option is the better of the two because claimants will know exactly what (if any) compensation they will be entitled to, and this option is far easier to apply, both in time and costs.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Option B

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Option A

Comments:

Providing the evidence is going to be accepted and no upper limits are then imposed. If someone proves high earnings, then that is what should be paid.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Option A

Comments:

Actual amount lost based on last full years accounts plus inflation/ price rise factors.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Option B

Comments:

A fixed daily rate would be a fairer option

Respondent: Local Road Safety Officer

Response: Option A

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Option A

Comments:

I feel that the compensation should reflect the 'actual' loss rather than a fixed daily rate as this would be fairer to the individual, in replacing real lost income to them or their business following an unsuccessful attempt to remove them from their professional work. They would, after all, be regarded as innocent if compensation was being paid, so they should not suffer any loss of income, due to fixed rates not reflecting their own income stream.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Option A

Comments:

This should be looked at as your diary can change so the instructor should prove there income for that time they cannot work and this should be by checking his confirmed booking of the previous three months and for time they are unable to work.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Option A

Comments:

Lost income should be based on previous 16 weeks income to provide an average daily or weekly income.

There should also be an additional payment to compensate for the time taken to rebuild their business. I propose an additional 6 weeks at the above calculation, reduced by any amount actually earned in that period.

Respondent: Other

Response: Option A

Comments: Reasonable

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Option B

Comments:

- 1) Newly qualified ADI's will not have any trading years in the past to refer too.
- 2) Driving Tuition is quite seasonal, especially in University towns such as Plymouth, Exeter, Cambridge, etc.

Depending on what part of a year an ADI was wrongly suspended would cause losses that are quite different to other times of the year.

- 3) It would be a slow and difficult system to administer, leading to disputes and grievances.
- 4) A fixed daily rate, perhaps reflecting years of establishment of an ADI and his time on the register would be far simpler and more fair. That way an ADI who is wrongly suspended would know just what compensation he would receive and at such a difficult time after losing his livelihood and at least he would know just how much he would get.

A fixed rate would also be able to be paid out much quicker to the wronged party.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Option A

Comments:

No, if the person is acquitted, then he is acquitted, however losses would need to be proven.

Respondent: **Driver Training Representative Organisation**

Response: Option A

Comments:

We would like to press for provision that an interim payment be made, within one month of a valid compensation claim being made. We are asking for this additional provision for two reasons.

- 1. It has been suggested that The Wheels of Justice Grind Exceedingly Slow. If an ADI has been wrongly suspended for a lengthy period he will need some compensation urgently in order to restart his business.
- 2. In addition it may be that a threat of delaying payment might be used in order to reach a lower compensation figure e.g. "We have your claim for £10,000 and it may take two years to process if you accept £5,000 we will send you a cheque tomorrow."

Respondent: **Driver Training Representative Organisation**

Response: Option A

Comments:

We also consider it may be necessary to make a payment in between as part of the full sum. This is due to the fact that if this went along slowly and the ADI has been wrongly suspended they will need some income to keep up their business.

Respondent: Local Road Safety Officer

Response: Option A

Comments:

Option A would better ensure that ADIs who make a claim are not financially penalised if their loss is greater than the fixed daily rate in option B. Furthermore it would help to ensure that ADIs do not make profit from the compensation system if their loss is less than the fixed daily rate.

Respondent: **Driver Training Representative Organisation**

Response: Option A

Comments:

We request that provision is made for an interim payment to be made within one month of a valid compensation claim.

Claimants should not be required to wait unduly whilst their claim is considered.

Proposal 6: Do you agree with the proposal for the amount of compensation to be paid in respect of reasonable and necessarily non-income losses to be based upon the actual losses incurred by the candidate?

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Slightly Disagree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments:

To reduce unnecessary administration costs for both parties.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Disagree

Comments:

Non-income losses should be based upon the predicted losses incurred and NOT the actual losses.

Respondent: Other

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments:

Clearly this would require documented proof but it would be fair on the individual.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Local Road Safety Officer

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Disagree

Comments:

This is extremely difficult for anyone to quantify - the consequential losses could last much longer and have a greater financial impact than the financial losses incurred during the period of the suspension. MUD STICKS!! This

element should be monitored for a two year period and the continuous loss, compared to pre-suspension income, should be paid by way of compensation to loss of good character.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: Any proven losses should be recompensed.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: This appears to be a fair reflection of the situation.

Respondent: Local Road Safety Officer

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totall Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Largely Agree

Comments:

They need to prove how much income they have lost and if they have done other work while waiting for the answer this income should be taken off the final figure.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Totally Agree

Respondent: Other

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Slightly Disagree

Comments:

It would be far simpler if non income losses, which I guess are to reflect damages to reputation and long standing of the ADI's business should reflect the years he has worked as an ADI.

Surely a sliding scale something like;

? years trading as an ADI x ? days suspended = £££££

could be formulated.

Again, a wrongly suspended ADI at certain times of the year suffers varying losses, ie; if he is suspended in the springtime and misses the Yellow Pages advert, he will suffer a greater loss than simply missing a couple of weeks over xmas.

A fixed rate, determined in part by an ADI's time on the register, would result in a far quicker payment of compensation and more accurately reflect actual damage down to his business. Everyone would know where they stand, and the likely outcome of disappointment and unfairness would be reduced.

Respondent: Approved Driving Instructor

Response: Slightly Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: **Driver Training Representative Organisation**

Response: Totally Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: **Driver Training Representative Organisation**

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Local Road Safety Officer

Response: Largely Agree

Comments: No comment made

Respondent: Driver Training Representative Organisation

Response: Totally Agree