

Can you please provide me with policy documents or guidelines issued by the DSA for establishing a level of driving standard required for performing the role of Driving Examiner within the DSA?

Please include documents relating to the recruitment, training and on-going maintenance of driving standards for Driving Examiners within the DSA.

When applying to become a driving examiner, a candidate must have held a UK or EU licence continuously for the last four years and currently have no more than three penalty points on your licence. They will then undertake a range of recruitment processes to ensure a candidate meets the required driving standard.

A candidate must undertake and successfully pass an extended driving test to demonstrate they are a safe driver. You can find details of the extended test in our DT1 which is available on our website at: <http://assets.dft.gov.uk/publications/dsa-operational-guidance/dsa-dt1-standard-operating-procedure.pdf> . This information is exempt from release under section 21 of FoIA (information readily accessible). A copy of this exemption is attached at Annex B.

If a candidate passes all the recruitment stages, and provided there is a vacancy at a test centre, they will attend a four week training course and must pass this course. Days one to four of this training course deal with driver standards and a copy of the course programme for these days, along with driver assessment forms, is attached at Annex C.

You can find details about the ongoing assessment of driving standards in our 2012/13 Business Plan which is available online at: <http://assets.dft.gov.uk/publications/dsa-business-plan/dsa-business-plan-2012-13.pdf>. Examiner driving standards are checked on any course they attend at our Cardington training centre. From January 2013 a new periodical training course is being introduced for examiners and part of this will cover driving examiner driving standards. This is currently under development so no policy documents or guidance has been issued in respect of this.

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