

APPROVED TACHOGRAPH CENTRE SPECIAL NOTICE

SN 4-2011

Issued December 2011

Designated Managers (DMs) must read and understand the content of this Special Notice (SN) and sign to that effect in the box below.

DMs must also ensure all Nominated Technicians (NTs) are issued with this Special Notice, read and understand its contents and sign to confirm they have read and understood its contents.

DMs are required to keep the signed Special Notices in the rear of the Approved Tachograph Centre Manual which should always be available for reference.

All NTs must sign in the boxes below to confirm that they have read and understood the contents of this Special Notice.

These Special Notices may be requested by VOSA staff for inspection during routine visits.

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To all Designated Managers and Nominated Technicians in Analogue and Digital approved centres.

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Item 1: De-regulation of Tachograph Calibration Fees

The fee for calibration and periodic inspection of tachographs will be deregulated from 1st January 2012, following a consultation with the industry.

It is expected that deregulation of the fee will:

- Allow the Approved Tachograph Centres and vehicle operators to negotiate a fair fee for the calibration and inspection of tachographs
- Result in geographical variations in cost being accounted for
- Better support vehicle operators looking to have tachographs calibrated during unsociable hours,
- “Future-proof” calibration/inspection against technological changes which will affect how much work will be involved in the inspection and calibration of tachographs
- Remove the need for future Government involvement in fee setting
- Incentivise companies considering becoming an Approved Tachograph Centre

From 1st January 2012 the fees charged by Approved Tachograph Centres will be a commercial matter to be agreed with the customer presenting the vehicle.

The existing fees are still in place up to and including the 31st December 2011.

Any queries on this should be addressed to Tachographcalibrationfees2009@vosa.gov.uk

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