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**All Authorised Examiners and Designated Councils in Classes**

**All Classes**

**The last Special Notice issued was**

**6 - 2014 All Classes**

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### **Item 1: Suspension of Nominated Tester (NT) refresher training**

DVSA is suspending the requirement for Nominated Testers (NTs) of all classes to attend a 5 year refresher course from 1 April 2015.

If you're due to sit a Nominated Tester (NT) refresher course between now and 1 April 2015, please continue to book your place through your VTS device and attend as normal.

If you've already booked your NT refresher course place you will still need to attend.

No course places will be made available to book through your VTS device after 1 April 2015. As we have suspended the required, and you will not be able to book or attend a course after this date, this will not affect your ability to test.

NTs returning to testing following a period of inactivity (over 2 years where no tests have been carried out) will instead be required to carry out a satisfactory demonstration test with a DVSA Vehicle Examiner (VE).

This has been done to help support switchover to the new web-based MOT testing system which will begin in April 2015. This will ensure that testing staff can concentrate on getting familiar with the new system, and will also ensure that DVSA can make staff available to provide support to you during that period.

This change has been discussed with the Trade Groups. We will continue to engage with the trade on emerging plans to reintroduce this or improved training/development regimes.

Further information about the suspension of refresher training will be made available under the following link - <http://bit.ly/mot-refresher>

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If you have any queries regarding this Special Notice or other testing matters please call the DVSA Customer Service Centre on 0300 123 9000.

## Item 2: Diesel Particulate Filters

On the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2014 the Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF) became a testable item. Any vehicle where a DPF is missing that was fitted as standard should, from then, fail the MOT test. This was brought in with Special Notice 1-2014.

The DPF plays an essential environmental role in enabling reductions in emissions which help meet strict European emission standards, reducing air pollution and thereby improving health quality.

DVSA are aware of an increasing number of businesses offering a service to remove or bypass the DPF. This practice compromises the MOT testing standards and therefore undermines the principle of inspecting their presence.

Authorised Examiners are responsible to ensure that MOT Testing is carried out to the required standards. Where a VTS is offering a service which could undermine this (such as removing or bypassing DPFs) DVSA will consider this as bringing the MOT Scheme into disrepute.

Where the scheme is brought into disrepute DVSA may consider taking action to remove the Authorisation if appropriate.

## Item 3: MOT Trade asked to check VTS contact details

DVSA is asking the MOT trade to check and update the contact details they've entered into their VTS devices.

This is to make sure DVSA can contact Authorised Examiners (AEs), Nominated Testers (NTs) and Site Managers and help you move to the new MOT testing system in 2015.

You need to check and update your VTS contact details as soon as possible otherwise you could face inconvenience in the switchover process which will start in April 2015.

Further information on how to update your VTS device details is available under the following link - <http://bit.ly/vts-details>



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**All Nominated Testers must acknowledge via the VTS Device that they have read and understood the contents of this Special Notice.**

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