

DVSA confirms HGV testing restart on 4 July

The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) has confirmed that HGV testing will restart on 4 July.

Today's announcement from the DVSA backs-up what was disclosed in yesterday's BVRLA Covid-19 bulletin. It confirms the three-month exemption for vehicles with July dates (whether originally due in July or moved from April).

From August, it will only give a three-month exemption to vehicles that are due for a test that month and which haven't already had an exemption (so those that were originally due in May will not get another exemption). This approach will continue for the rest of the year to ensure that test centres are not hit with two-months' worth of tests needing to be done in one month.

DVSA recognises that October will present a problem because of the vehicles that were previously given a three-month exemption in April and then also in July. As well as threatening to overload test centres, this is also peak logistics season in the run up to Christmas. DVSA is seeking a change in legislation which will allow it to exempt certain vehicles from testing based on their age and Operator Compliance Risk Score (OCRS) score.

Members should email BVRLA Director of Fleet Services, Amanda Brandon with any questions at amanda@bvrla.co.uk

Government provides workplace risk assessment tool for English employers

The Government has developed an online tool that can help businesses in England to reopen safely during Coronavirus. It encourages businesses to carry out a risk assessment and helps to identify the workplace adjustments that they should make. Employers have a legal responsibility to protect employees and visitors on site. Employees can also use this tool to check what their workplace needs to do to keep people safe. It can be downloaded [here](#).

Scotland moves to Phase 2 of Covid-19 recovery

Today Scotland has moved to [phase two](#) of its routemap for easing Coronavirus lockdown restrictions. A useful summary of what has changed and is due to change in the coming days can be found on this [BBC webpage](#).

Welsh Government announces changes to lockdown laws

From Monday (22 June), the Welsh Government will [lift some of its Coronavirus restrictions](#). A useful summary of what will change can be found on this [BBC webpage](#).

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MPs identify gaps in Coronavirus support

This week the Treasury Select Committee published its report on gaps in Coronavirus support for employees and the self-employed. You can find a [summary](#) of the key findings and recommendations here.

Latest updates on UK travel and tourism

The [VisitBritain website](#) continues to provide a range of advice and information for businesses involved in the UK travel and tourism sector. It includes statistics, best practice guidance and the latest Government updates.