

Introducing a minimum learning period for learner drivers

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Q3. Are you responding on behalf of an organisation?

Yes

Organisation details

Q4. Your organisation is a:

another type of organisation:
Chartered Institution of Highways & Transportation (CIHT)

Proposal

Q6. In addition to holding a provisional licence and passing a theory test, do you agree or disagree with the introduction of further mandatory requirements for learner drivers before they can take a practical car driving test?

Agree

Further requirement age groups

Q8. Why?

The reason is that people who have recently passed their test are disproportionately involved in collisions involving death or serious injury so the more we can do to reduce this, i.e. more requirements before they take their practical test and graduated driving licences, the better

Q9. In your view what age of learner car driver should the further mandatory requirements be applied to?

All ages

Further mandatory requirements: age group reasoning

Q10. Why?

Risk is exceptional in early driving post-test, and by implication also pre-test.

Minimum learning time

Q11. Do you agree or disagree that any new mandatory requirements should include a minimum learning time period between passing a theory test and being able to take a practical car driving test?

Agree

Minimum learning time period

Q13. Why?

Risk is exceptional in early driving post-test, and by implication also pre-test.

Q14. In your view how long should the time period be?

Another number of months:
Should be determined by specialists

Minimum learning time period reasoning

Q15. Why?

It is more than just time: 3 years and total 1 hour of driving is not better than 3 months with 1000 miles supervised driving

Theory test certificate

Q16. In your view if we did introduce a minimum time period before a learner driver can take a practical car driving test, should the validity length of the theory test certificate be extended?

Don't know

Minimum number of car driving hours

Q18. Do you agree or disagree that new mandatory learner requirements should include a minimum number of car driving hours?

Agree

Minimum number of car driving hours amount

Q20. Why?

Risk is exceptional in early driving post-test, and by implication also pre-test.

Q21. In your view what should be the minimum required number of car driving hours?

Another number of hours:
Specialist input needed

Minimum required number of car driving hours reasoning

Q22. Why?

Need to balance sufficient experience; formal instructor taught versus supervised by generalist (parent friend etc) and avoiding discriminatory effect on less affluent individuals

Content of mandatory learner requirements

Q23. Do you agree or disagree that new mandatory learner requirements should include:

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
a mandatory modular learning syllabus to complete			X
a mandatory logbook to complete			X
mandatory e-learning to complete			X

Why (referencing the appropriate statement or statements in your response):
Specialist input needed

Exemption

Q24. In your view should some learner drivers be exempt from any new mandatory requirements for learner drivers?

No

Mandatory learner requirements: offences

Q28. Do you agree or disagree that any new mandatory learner requirements should apply to a driver:

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
whose licence is revoked for receiving at least six penalty points during their probationary period	X		
who has been disqualified from driving for committing motoring offences and has been ordered by a court to retake a driving test (ordinary or extended)	X		

Why (referencing the appropriate statement or statements in your response):

Evidence base (TRL and others) suggest early experience is a predictor of attitude deficit as well as skill deficit and both need to be addressed

Final comments

Q29. Any other comments?

None