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9th May 2020

For the Immediate Attention of All:

Postal Branches
Divisional Representatives
Area Distribution Representatives
LGV Representatives

Dear Colleagues

Logistics Covid-19 Response – Occupational Driver Updates

Attached for information are the following Covid-19 Driver Updates that have been received from the business, further to revised guidance from the Department for Transport (DfT):

- Annex A – DfT This Week in Logistics Briefing
- Annex B – Logistics Comms Driver CPC
- Annex C - Logistics Comms Tachograph Renewal
- Annex D - Logistics Comms Driver Photocards

Branches and representatives are requested to ensure that members are made aware of the attached information as soon as possible.

Any enquiries in relation to this LTB should be addressed to Davie Robertson, Assistant Secretary, email: dwyatt@cwu.org quoting reference 014.14

Yours sincerely

Davie Robertson
Assistant Secretary

This week in Logistics



Driver CPC validity extended

DQCs expiring before 31 August 2020

The validity of Driver Qualification Cards (DQCs) with expiry dates from 1 February to 31 August 2020 has been extended by seven months. If the expiry date on a driver's card is within this period, seven months should be added to that date to calculate the new expiry date.

The seven-month extension to the validity of your DQC provides an extra seven months to complete the 35 hours of periodic training. This means a driver affected by this change has five years and seven months from the date their current CPC became valid to undertake this training.

DQCs expiring from 1st September 2020

If your DQC expires from 1st September 2020, you must not drive until it is renewed and drivers could face a £1000 fine if they drive without a valid DQC. Further information can be found [here](#).

On 31 March 2020, the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) gave notice that it did not intend to carry out enforcement action against drivers from 1st September to 30th September 2020 if their DQC expired during this period. This gave these drivers up to 29 extra days to complete their periodic training, if it was originally disrupted due to COVID-19.

However, this notice has been rescinded, and enforcement action will be carried out from September for DQCs expiring after 31 August 2020, as there are now enough periodic training courses available for drivers whose DQC expires in September 2020 to renew their DQC before then.

Tachograph card renewal / replacement

Department for Transport (DfT) has confirmed from 1st March 2020 to 31st August 2020;

- drivers who apply to renew their tachograph card no later than 15 days before their card is due to expire, can continue to drive until they receive a new card.
- drivers who apply for a replacement tachograph card within 7 days of their card being damaged, malfunctioning, lost or stolen, can continue to drive until they receive a new card.

While awaiting the replacement card the driver must at the start and end of their journey;

- print out the information relating to the periods of time recorded by the tachograph.
- manually record sufficient detail on each printout to enable them to be identified (this may include the driver card number, drivers name or driving licence number).
- sign each printout.

Drivers granted seven-month photocard licence extension

Photocard driving licences that expire between 1st February and 31st August 2020 will be automatically extended for a period of seven months from the date of expiry.

This is to make it easier for drivers who need to update their photocard licence with a new photograph at the end of the 10-year validity period.

Drivers do not need to take any action as the extension will be automatic and they will be sent a renewal reminder before their seven-month extension ends. However, this extension applies to the photocard renewal date only; if a driver's entitlement to drive is due to expire they should renew this in the normal way.

If a driver has already applied online to renew their photocard, this will be processed as normal. If they have already sent a paper application to renew their photocard, there will be delays in processing, but the seven-month extension will apply in the meantime.

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