# BRC Call For Evidence – Changes to HGV Driver tests:

Have you encountered any problems in driver recruitment in the past 24 months?

If so, tell us a bit more about your experience of driver recruitment.

Are there any other areas related to driving test rules and licensing arrangements which may act as a barrier and discourage people from considering professional lorry driving as a career choice?

* Yes
* No
* Don’t know
* If yes, please provide details.

Removing the current staging requirements for licence acquisition.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to remove the staging requirements for vocational driving licences?

* Strongly agree
* Agree
* Disagree
* Strongly disagree
* Don’t know
* If disagree, please explain.

To what extent do you agree or disagree that a driver who successfully passes a category C+E or D+E test should also be granted entitlement to drive a vehicle in categories C, C1+E and C or D1, D1+E and D respectively?

* Strongly agree
* Agree
* Disagree
* Strongly disagree
* Don’t know
* If disagree, please explain.

What benefits, costs, risks or dis-benefits do you think would result from this flexibility?

Do you think any benefits would result in this flexibility?

* Yes
* No
* Don’t know
* Please explain your answer below or leave blank if don’t know

Do you think any dis-benefits would result in this flexibility?

* Yes
* No
* Don’t know
* Please explain your answer below or leave blank if don’t know

Do you think any costs would result in this flexibility?

* Yes
* No
* Don’t know
* Please explain your answer below or leave blank if don’t know

Do you think any risks would result in this flexibility?

* Yes
* No
* Don’t know
* Please explain your answer below or leave blank if don’t know

To what extent do you agree or disagree that drivers should still be able to take a category C test even if they have been granted entitlement to drive by passing a C+E test?

* Strongly agree
* Agree
* Disagree
* Strongly disagree
* Don’t know
* If disagree, please explain.

How much additional demand would you expect there to be if the staging requirement is removed?

As a prospective employer, do you agree or disagree that drivers should continue to demonstrate competence by taking a category C or D test before a C+E or D+E tests?

* Strongly agree
* Agree
* Disagree
* Strongly disagree
* Don’t know
* If disagree, please explain.

Do you consider there to be any concerns for road safety should the government implement this measure?

* Yes
* No
* Don’t know
* Please supply supporting evidence where possible.

Do you think this would impact trainers, in terms of their existing fleet of training vehicles and costs?

* Yes
* No
* Don’t know

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the rules for qualified drivers accompanying provisional licence holders need to allow a C+E or D+E qualified driver to supervise a C or D provisional licence holder, without having taken a C or D test?

* Strongly agree
* Agree
* Disagree
* Strongly disagree
* Don’t know
* If disagree, please explain.

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the restriction which prevents a category C licence holder who is under 21 from holding provisional C+E entitlement until they have held their C licence for 6 months should continue?

* Strongly agree
* Agree
* Disagree
* Strongly disagree
* Don’t know
* If disagree, please explain.

Considering alternative arrangements for the conduct of the reversing manoeuvres.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to enable the reversing manoeuvres and the coupling exercise to be conducted by an authorised third party?

* Strongly agree
* Agree
* Disagree
* Strongly disagree
* Don’t know
* If disagree, please explain.

Do you consider there to be any barriers for training organisations to provide an assessment?

* Yes
* No
* Don’t know
* Please supply supporting evidence where possible.

Who do you think is best qualified to be authorised to assess the manoeuvres?

* Existing or new HGV trainers being authorised
* Only those trainers who are members of either of the two voluntary HGV training registers?
* Trainers who hold specific professional qualifications
* Other (please specify)

What sort of scheme do you think would best support this arrangement?

* A scheme that is as light touch as possible for authorisation and ongoing assurance, with minimal involvement from DVSA.
* A fully regulated scheme with provision for formal quality assurance checks, removal of authorisation and an appeal mechanism.
* Other (please specify)

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* Don’t know
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