

EU on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2008 for professional bus drivers and 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009 for professional truck drivers. Its purpose is to set and maintain high standards of road safety, health and safety and driving among professional drivers (those who drive for a living) of buses and trucks.

### **Why is Driver CPC being introduced across the EU Member States?**

- To ensure that all professional drivers have good driving and safety standards and that those standards are maintained throughout the professional drivers career.
- To make sure that training and testing standards are the same for all drivers throughout the EU.
- To reduce fatalities and serious injuries on Irish roads. The aim of the RSA is that Ireland will be one of the best performing countries, with the lowest deaths and injuries in Europe.

### **How will Driver CPC affect professional drivers?**

If you have your bus licence on or before the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008, or your truck licence on or before 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009, you are automatically entitled to Driver CPC. This is called acquired rights. In order to keep your Driver CPC, you must do 35 hours of periodic training over the next five years. Training is on a one day per year basis.

### **How will Driver CPC Affect new professional bus drivers, on or after the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2008 / new professional truck drivers, on or after the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009?**

- You will have to pass the two Theory Tests
  - Multiple Choice
  - Case Studies
- You will have to pass the Driving and Practical Test
- You will have to complete 35 hours of periodic training over the next five years (one day per year)

### **Where do I apply for the Driver Theory CPC Test?**

Driver CPC theory test  
Tel: 1890 606 106  
Web: [www.theorytest.ie](http://www.theorytest.ie)

Where do I apply for the Driving & practical test?

Driver CPC driving and practical tests  
Tel: 096-78225 locall : 1890 506080  
Web: [www.drivingtest.ie](http://www.drivingtest.ie)

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... will have an issue date in the relevant category which is proof of your acquired rights, When you complete your periodic training over the next five years, you will be issued with a PCP Driver Qualification Card.

New Drivers: When you have passed the two Driver CPC theory tests, driving test and practical test you will be issued with a CPC Driver Qualification Card.

### Who is exempt for the Driver CPC?

- A. Drivers of vehicles for non-commercial purposes, e.g. driving as a volunteer, drivers of emergency or rescue vehicles.
- B. Drivers of vehicles while delivering instruction.
- C. Drivers of vehicles used by a driver in the course of his/her work, provided that driving the vehicle is not the driver's principal occupation, e.g. after the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009 when trucks are covered by CPC rules, this would apply to a plumber who used a light truck to transport his/her materials.

Where can I get more information on the Driver CPC?

For more information please see the CPC Information Booklet.

Or contact the RSA at:

Web: [www.rsa.ie](http://www.rsa.ie)

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