

# Draft Taxi Licensing Policy (Part One)

## Consultation Response Sheet



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5.10	COMMENTS	Any knowledge tests must be set against a specific working area or routes. To expect an applicant to know everywhere within west devon is unreasonable and unpractical. If the general working area is either Tavistock or Okehampton then that is the area to be concentrated on. More so for new independent operators as drivers for larger companies will have office control for guidance.
5.13 – 5.16	COMMENTS	Timescale is of utmost importance when recruiting new drivers. Currently taking upto 4 weeks and beyond is restrictive. The DSA are removing the taxi driving assessment test and being expected to take all the PATS courses and safeguarding courses not only takes time, as I suspect there will be limited dates within the month to do these, but they will also mean traveling to the nearest location to get them done. There needs to be regular dates that coincide with each other to make the licencing process a quick as possible and as affordable as possible.
5.21	COMMENTS	If a driver gets initially licenced at 25, potentially not requiring a medical for a further 20 years? I think 5 yr intervals are enough and those over 65 should be subject to a medical every year unless the doctor thinks otherwise. I have two over 65 who are fitter than the younger ones!!
9	COMMENTS	Penalty points are a good idea as long as it is operated correctly

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AP A 9.1	COMMENTS	Take lost property to a police station within 24 hrs... where? Tavistock police station does not accept lost property and you have to take it to Plymouth. Having to do that, potentially a few times a week is not practical. Perhaps if there is not a local police station WDBC can hold it at their offices!
AP B 9c	COMMENTS	The driver shall not eat or drink in the vehicle? Its my vehicle!! As long as its clean and tidy why cant we eat when waiting for fares? People complain now that there are not many taxis at dinner time, this will make it worse
AP D step 2	COMMENTS	Tests held one day per month? This needs to be more frequent.
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**All responses must be received by 30 September 2017**

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