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**For the Immediate Attention of All:**

Postal Branches  
Divisional Representatives  
Area Distribution Representatives  
Network LGV Representative  
Parcelforce Regional Organisers

Dear Colleagues

**Coronavirus: Driver CPC Requirement - Temporary Changes**

Branches are advised that due to the current Coronavirus crisis, the Department of Transport (DfT) has put in place temporary changes in Professional Driver Qualification requirements for CPC. For absolute clarity the changes announced by the DfT apply to Great Britain only, as arrangements in Northern Ireland are devolved. However, the department has been informed by Royal Mail that the Northern Ireland Department for Infrastructure has also approved the same measure.

Most professional lorry and bus drivers must complete 35 hours periodic training every 5 years to maintain a Driver CPC card however during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak it has been recognised that it may be difficult for drivers to complete the required training.

The DfT has therefore put in place temporary changes in Professional Driver Qualification requirements which mean that drivers whose Driver CPC card expires in the period from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 can continue driving. Drivers will not be subject to enforcement action by the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) in respect of the Driver CPC regulations. Police forces have been informed of this position.

Any driver stopped by an enforcement officer may be asked to show that they have previously recently held a Driver CPC, and as such Drivers should continue to carry their expired Driver CPC card if they have it.

The Professional Drivers that this measure applies to will be required to comply with Driver CPC rules from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020. Attached for the information of Branches is the communication released by Royal Mail on the issue.

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

Yours sincerely

**Davie Robertson**  
Assistant Secretary

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## **Driver CPC – Temporary measures to allow drivers to continue driving**

**Due to the current exceptional circumstances Department for Transport (DfT) has put in place temporary changes in professional driver qualification requirements.**

- Drivers whose Driver Qualification Card (DQC) expires in the period from 1 March 2020 to 30 September 2020 can continue driving.
- However, any driver that this applies to must comply with Driver CPC rules from 1 October 2020.

### **Enforcement arrangements**

- Drivers will not be subject to enforcement action by the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) in respect of the DCPC regulations. DfT has informed police forces of this position.
- If you are stopped by an enforcement officer, they can check to see that you have previously recently held a CPC.
- Drivers must carry their expired DQC at all times.