

**Driver Training Policy – Summary of City of York Consultation Responses**

	Advanced Practical Driving Assessment			English Test ESOL Entry 3			Local Knowledge Test			Regulatory Framework			Professional Standards			Safeguarding Training		
	Agree	Disagree	Not Answered	Agree	Disagree	Not Answered	Agree	Disagree	Not Answered	Agree	Disagree	Not Answered	Agree	Disagree	Not Answered	Agree	Disagree	Not Answered
York	115	8	1	122	2	0	108	16	0	107	16	1	107	17	0	105	17	2

	Equality/Disability Training			Practical Wheelchair Assessment			90% Pass Rate			Refresher Training for Existing Drivers		
	Agree	Disagree	Not Answered	Agree	Disagree	Not Answered	Agree	Disagree	Not Answered	Agree	Disagree	Not Answered
York	102	21	1	116	7	1	100	24	0	74	47	3

	Represents a majority of the number of responses <b>in favour</b> of the proposal
	Represents a majority of the number of responses <b>against</b> the proposal

**Consultation Comments**

Ref :	Comments	Officer Comments
1	Refresher training every 5 years	Refresher training is in line with licence renewal which is every 3 years
2	To much red tape – local knowledge test to server – 90% to server,	It is important that new driver applicants complete and pass training. Knowing the local knowledge of a city like York is very important due to our visitor base and pedestrian zone.
3	Language and understanding oral assessment 1-1 test – all drivers should be police checked,	We are introducing as English test. DBS checks are carried out on all new driver applicants, and the existing trade.
4	Refresher training is insulting to most people; you don't do refresher courses to be a builder, mechanic, plumber, etc. If you do it is paid for by the employer. Self employed people are independent this is an infringement on a persons human and consumer rights.	Taxi and private hire drivers transport vulnerable customers. Refresher training is important to keep drivers abreast of the best practice approach to being a driver, so that they are aware of equability related issues and customer needs. This helps safeguard the driver as well as the passenger.
5	Refresher training only if driver has had a substantial complaint against them –	As stated in point 4 above.

	knowledge test is now Mickey take – tested every 3 years is an insult.	Existing drivers will be expected to attend refresher training every 3 years; they will not be a test.
6	Pass rate to high 60/70% - refresher training is used to maintain standards, if same pass rate as new drivers and licence suspension on failure.	The pass rate for each module has been set at 80%; apart from the local knowledge test which will be 90% for York, as detailed above this is due to our visitor base and the pedestrian zone.  Refresher training will maintain standards; there is no test for the refresher training.
7	Advance practical driving no doubt additional expense for already struggling driver – refresher training its just another opportunity to take money off drivers.	It is already a requirement that new driver applicants must pass the advance practical driving assessment.  The free for refresher training will be set at a cost recovery level.
8	Practical wheelchair assessment if they drive a WAV they should already know.	It is already a requirement that new driver applicants must pass the practical wheelchair assessment.

Responses were also received that did not relate to this consultation and are therefore not included within these comments.