

GUIDANCE NOTE

LARGE GOODS VEHICLE (LGV) DRIVER (ST0257/AP03)

This guidance outlines an area of clarification relating to the practical driving assessment duration for:

- Large Goods Vehicle (LGV) Driver Level 2

Following concerns raised regarding the recommended duration of the Practical Assessment duration for the Large Goods Vehicle (LGV) Standard and Assessment Plan (ST0257/AP03), NSAR EQA have investigated and can report as follows:

- The recommended duration of the Practical Driving Assessment for Large Goods Vehicle (LGV) Driver Level 2 (ST0257/AP03) is one hour but durations of up to 90 minutes can be tolerated where the additional time is required for vehicle checks.
- The practical assessment duration is a continuous duration and should start with the vehicle checks and should then be a continuous assessment between 60 and 90 minutes duration.
- There is no dispensation within the practical assessment or additional guidance for 'pausing and resuming' assessment activity during practical assessments.

Background

An alert was raised which reported that the recommended 1-hour duration of the Large Goods Vehicle (LGV) Driver Practical Assessment (see ST0257/AP03 Section 5ii) does not, in all cases, allow sufficient time for the practical assessment including the necessary vehicle checks.

NSAR consulted with EPA organisations within scope of NSAR EQA and polled opinion regarding the recommended duration and its suitability. NSAR EQA also entered-into liaison with the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE) to ensure that the guidance contained within this NSAR guidance note meets the IfATE requirements for acceptable guidance within the boundaries and confines of EQA responsibility as directed by the IfATE EQA Handbook and Framework.