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Drivers warned not to fall for CPC exemption card scam

The Vehicle Operator Service Agency and the Driving Standards Agency are advising drivers that they **do not** need to buy a card to prove they are exempt from Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) regulations. The so-called 'Driver Qualification Exemption Card' or DQEC is being sold on the internet for £49.

The warning comes as CPC rules are due to come into force for LGV drivers from 10 September.

VOSA's Traffic Enforcement Policy spokesman Peter McIntyre says: "Our enforcement officers would not use this card to check driver exemption as it has no legal validity. We don't want drivers to be spending money on something they don't need."

Under the current rules drivers who gain their initial Driver CPC after 10 September 2008 Public Goods Vehicles (PGV) or 10 September 2009 Large Goods Vehicles (LGV) are required to complete four modules before they can receive their Driver Qualification Card which they must keep with their driving licence. To retain the Driver CPC, 35 hours of periodic training must then be completed within a 5-year period, and every subsequent 5 year period.

Drivers who had LGV or PCV entitlement on their driving licence at the implementation dates will need to complete 35 hours of training within five years of the implementation date to receive their Driver CPC qualification card and then complete 35 hours of training every subsequent five years, if they wish to continue to drive professionally

Such training could include courses in subjects such as Disability Awareness, Tachograph Regulations and Safe and Fuel-Efficient Driving

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