



# **NSW Driver Trainers Association** **Urgent Newsflash July 2014**

## **NSW State Conference**

Time is running out to register your attendance at our State Conference on August 22nd at Darling Harbour Novotel. Places are limited and running out so don't miss your opportunity to attend this great event. Don't forget the cost of registration includes conference entry, morning tea, lunch and an entry into the draw for a prize valued at around \$500. Value!

To register, send an email to [members@nswdrivertrainers.com.au](mailto:members@nswdrivertrainers.com.au) with your details and payment information will be sent.

Following our guest speakers we will be having an open forum question and answer session, which will be your opportunity to ask any questions you like about the industry/association/teaching etc or to express your concerns. This great event is also an opportunity to meet fellow members and network with other instructors. We have found in the past this is one of the most enjoyed aspects of attending these sorts of events.

So come on and register. We are looking forward to seeing you.

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## **RMS Letter re Licence Conditions**

On Monday 21/7/2014, Driving Instructors in NSW were sent a letter from the RMS outlining a new condition that has been added to our licences. This is as a result of recent investigations from ICAC relating to fraud. The investigations centred mainly on the Heavy Vehicle sector, however the flow on effect is that it includes all areas of driver training and assessing.

The condition is nothing too onerous and simply requires us to notify the RMS if we become aware of any situation of attempted corruption by someone attempting to obtain their licence or by a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) or a Heavy Vehicle Assessor. We are already required under legislation to report any instance of misconduct or inappropriate action so this is really just extending that to include fraud or corruption.

The new condition will be printed on the back of our licences when they are next renewed, but in the meantime we must carry a copy of the letter with us at all times in case we are asked to produce it by an authorised officer. This could happen if the RMS conducts a spot audit at a registry car park when presenting someone for a test etc. We would suggest you make a couple of copies of the letter and carry one in each car you teach in as well as one for your diary for when you might be in a client's private vehicle.

We had no notice of this letter being sent out and like you, were concerned when you open an envelope and read the words Independent Commission Against Corruption and new condition on your licence. Some warning of this by the RMS would have been appreciated so that we could notify you ahead of time so that you didn't get freaked out. We will address this with the RMS.

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## Online Search tool

Last week we were contacted by Transport for NSW to let us know that they have launched an online search tool for P plate restricted vehicles. It's simple to use and allows you to enter the make and model of the vehicle to find out whether P plate drivers are allowed to drive it under the new conditions that come into effect from August 1<sup>st</sup>. We would suggest you notify all your clients of this great tool, and perhaps you could show them on your tablet or smart phone whilst they are in a lesson with you and find out if the cars they will be driving will be OK.

This tool features vehicles as far back as 1883 and has four possible results:

### Allowed

These vehicles are allowed for P1/P2 drivers.

### Banned

P1/P2 drivers must not drive these vehicles.

### For review

These recently released or updated vehicles are being reviewed. Their approval status will be updated on our website soon.

### Contact RMS

These older or unusual vehicles will need to be reviewed by [RMS](#).

To use this feature, go to:

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/drivers/youngdrivers/vehicle-restrictions.html>

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## PCYC Safer Drivers Course

The PCYC is looking for more coaches to service some of its clubs in delivery of the Safer Drivers Course. Some clubs have very few coaches working for them which makes it difficult when scheduling module 2 sessions of the course and others wanted to alter their delivery model of presenting module 1 and 2 on the same day, however they need at least 6 coaches for that club for that to work.

In particular they would be seeking instructors who have already completed the day training course, either under the PCYC name or even with another service provider. This would speed up the ability to start work, however if need be they will also take instructors who need to complete the training. If you already deliver the course and would be happy to expand your area of work to other clubs, then you should also consider this opportunity.

If you're interested, you need to contact Jenny Davidson at PCYC. Also if you know any instructors who may be trained and are members of ADTA NSW and are looking for more work, please let them know that this opportunity exists, however they will need to join our association to be able to participate. Contact Jenny at:

[jdavidson@pcycnsw.org.au](mailto:jdavidson@pcycnsw.org.au)

The list of clubs requiring more coaches are:

- Hornsby
- Goulburn PCYC
- Fairfield/Cabramatta PCYC (located at Cabramatta)
- Eastern Suburbs PCYC (located at Daceyville)
- Bankstown PCYC
- Western Sydney (Blacktown, Penrith and Mt Druitt PCYCs)
- Campbelltown PCYC
- Liverpool PCYC
- Central West (Bathurst, Lithgow and Orange PCYCs)
- Hunter (Nelson Bay, Raymond Terrace, Lake Macquarie, Cessnock, Morisset and Maitland PCYCs)
- Illawarra (Bulli, Lake Illawarra, Wollongong and Shoalhaven PCYCs)
- Northern (Tamworth and Armidale PCYCs)

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## Dashcams

Recently we have been discussing the advantages of installing a DashCam in your car for both your own protection as well as that of your clients. Recent discussions with the RMS regarding this have been met with the same response that it is RMS policy that no recording devices are to be switched on during a driving test. Whilst we are trying to negotiate a change in policy to keep up

with the times and not possibly financial disadvantage you, we would like to remind you of what the current situation is and that if you have one of these in your car it must be turned off when presenting someone for a test.

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## Survey

So far we have had a great response to our recently sent survey. The survey will be left online for a while longer to try and gather as many responses as possible. We would also like to remind you that if you know other instructors that are not members, please send them the link and encourage them to complete the survey. It only takes a couple of minutes but the results will be priceless in terms of the information it provides us.

To complete the survey, go to:

<http://goo.gl/h10354>

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## Keys2drive

We recently became aware of some issues accessing the keys2drive website. Some people have been getting security messages when trying to open the page saying that certificates have expired and they are concerned about harm to their computer if they try and proceed further.

The keys2drive administrator's have told us that their certificates did expire but have subsequently been renewed but may not have flowed through to all servers yet. If you have this issue, you can still click on "proceed" and it will take you to the site and you can access everything. There will be no harm to your computer. The full issue should be resolved ASAP and may even be done by the time you get this.

<https://www.keys2drive.com.au/>