



## **IVA LATEST NEWS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND – April 2011**

**The Individual Vehicle Approval (IVA) latest news brings you information on the changes to IVA in October this year for larger passenger vehicles and light goods vehicles and provides insight into the standards for the IVA of heavy goods vehicles up to 25 years old.**

### **MINIBUSES, BUSES AND COACHES – REMINDER**

From 29th October 2011 all new passenger carrying vehicles having more than 8 passenger seats (approval categories M2 and M3) require a form of approval in order to be registered for use on the road.

This includes all vehicles whether for private use or for hire and reward, but does not apply to vehicles completed prior to 29th July 2011.

For new approved buses wishing to operate for Hire and Reward there will be no longer a requirement for an Initial Bus Test (IBT). As the vehicle will have been approved to PSV standards an additional approval test will no longer be required, however, before a bus can enter service in Northern Ireland for Hire and Reward a standard PSV test will be required (£90.50 fee – 35 minute test time). This test can be applied for by using the PSV3 application form and will be performed at all DVA test centers. Checks will be made on all first time bus PSV test applications to ensure that all buses have been awarded a type approval certificate. If it cannot be proven that a bus has a type approval certificate the PSV test application will be returned to the applicant.

### **LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES**

From 29th October 2011 completed goods vehicles having a Gross Vehicle Weight of not more than 3500kg (approval category N1) will become subject to new EC requirements.

This introduces IVA to vehicles previously subject to Single Vehicle Approval (SVA). The new IVA includes more inspection items than SVA and aligns more closely to the passenger car requirements. In order to make the change, applications for SVA will not be accepted following close of business on 7th October 2011.

SVA certificates issued will continue to be valid for registration until 28th April 2013. From 10th October 2011 applications will only be accepted for the IVA scheme, and testing will commence on 29th October.

To help vehicle owners prepare their vehicle for IVA, DVA has published the IVA inspection manual online, free to download from:

[www.nidirect.gov.uk/index/motoring/owning-a-vehicle/mot/what-other-test-do-driver-vehicle-agency-carry-out/individual-vehicle-approval.htm](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/index/motoring/owning-a-vehicle/mot/what-other-test-do-driver-vehicle-agency-carry-out/individual-vehicle-approval.htm)

There are two levels of IVA compliance, 'Basic' and 'Normal' requirements. Normal requirements will apply to most vehicles presented for inspection. Basic requirements will apply to specialist vehicles such as amateur built vehicles, personnel imports and left hand drive vehicles.

## HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES

Historically there has been no approval for Heavy Goods Vehicles (approval categories N2 and N3) in Northern Ireland. From 29th October 2012 (or 2014 depending on whether the vehicle is single stage or multi stage build) all HGV's must be manufactured and approved to EC and national approval schemes including IVA on a mandatory basis

When inspecting pre-April 2009 vehicles under the IVA scheme, DVA will apply the standards in place at the time the vehicle was built. For items such as noise, brakes, emissions, speed limiter and Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC), documentary evidence of EC compliance must be supplied by the applicant.

Other aspects of the IVA inspection are then confirmed by visual inspection such as those associated with the body fitment, lights, reflectors and chassis components, which are checked to the latest standards detailed in the inspection manual.

Full details of the retrospective standards will be published in the May 2011 edition of the N2/N3 inspection manual, which can be downloaded from:

[www.nidirect.gov.uk/index/motoring/owning-a-vehicle/mot/what-other-test-do-driver-vehicle-agency-carry-out/individual-vehicle-approval.htm](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/index/motoring/owning-a-vehicle/mot/what-other-test-do-driver-vehicle-agency-carry-out/individual-vehicle-approval.htm)

## PROVIDING IVA INSPECTIONS

Below is a list of all DVA IVA test centre's and the type of IVA inspection performed at that location;

Centre	Location	Type of IVA test conducted
Belfast	66 Balmoral Road BT12 6QL  (028) 9068 1831	Heavy Vehicles
Newtownards	Jubilee Road BT23 4XP  (028) 9181 3064	Light Vehicles

Cookstown	Sandholes Road BT80 9AR  (028) 8676 4809	Heavy and Light Vehicles
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Please note: All IVA applications should be sent along with payment to the IVA administrative office @;

IVA/SVA Section  
Driver & Vehicle Agency  
Balmoral Road  
Belfast BT12 6QL  
Northern Ireland  
**Tel:** 0845 601 4094  
**E-mail:** [dva.ivaqueries@doeni.gov.uk](mailto:dva.ivaqueries@doeni.gov.uk)  
**www.dvani.gov.uk**

**For further information visit:**

[www.nidirect.gov.uk/index/motoring/owning-a-vehicle/mot/what-other-test-do-driver-vehicle-agency-carry-out/individual-vehicle-approval.htm](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/index/motoring/owning-a-vehicle/mot/what-other-test-do-driver-vehicle-agency-carry-out/individual-vehicle-approval.htm)