

# Operational Advice Notice

## Passenger Carrying Vehicles – Acquired Rights

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It is the responsibility of all employers to ensure that relevant OANs are brought to the attention of their staff. However, individuals remain responsible for their own actions and those who are in any doubt should consult their supervisor or Manager.

### 1. Introduction

With effect from **1<sup>st</sup> January 2027**, companies and drivers are reminded that in line with *ASDRVE\_OSI\_006 Airside Driver Training and the Airside Driver Permit\_v1.1*, acquired rights for drivers of Passenger Carrying Vehicles (PCVs) will no longer be valid.

### 2. Key information

*ASDRVE\_OSI\_006 Airside Driver Training and the Airside Driver Permit\_v1.1*, published on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017, gave notice in section 3.1.6 that:

*From the 1st April 2017 a CoC will no longer be recognised for PCV (more than nine seats), however existing drivers that have an ADP and are subsequently deemed to hold the qualification by 'acquired rights' are able to continue to hold a certificate of competence on the proviso they remain continuously employed by the same organisation up to a future date of 31st December 2026.*

Drivers of PCVs with more than nine seats (including the driver) **must** hold a valid PCV category on their licence as of **1<sup>st</sup> January 2027**. A certificate of competence (CoC) will no longer be acceptable.

Companies and drivers operating PCV vehicles must take action to ensure that any drivers without the correct DVLA licence category obtain one before the deadline of **1<sup>st</sup> January 2027**. Any drivers not holding the correct licence as of the deadline must not operate a PCV with more than nine seats.

### 3. Enquiries

Any questions regarding this OAN should be directed to [aerodrome.procedures@heathrow.com](mailto:aerodrome.procedures@heathrow.com).

