

Convictions Policy amendments

A) Possession of a weapon, to increase from 3 years to 7 years.

Our current Policy states;

7.2 If an applicant has been convicted of possession of a weapon or any other weapon related offence, this will give serious concern as to whether the person is fit to carry the public.

*Depending on the circumstances of the offence at least **3 years** must have passed since the completion of the sentence, before the licence is granted.*

Proposed wording to be amended & updated too;

7.2 Where an applicant has a conviction for possession of a weapon or any other weapon related offence, this will give serious concern as to whether the person is fit to carry the public, and a licence will not be granted until at least 7 years have elapsed since the completion of any sentence imposed.

B) Drink Driving – to increase from 5 years to 7 years.

Our Current Policy states:-

*10.2 As licence holders are professional vocational drivers, a serious view is taken of convictions for driving, or being in charge of a vehicle under the influence of drink or drugs. More than one conviction for these offences raises significant doubts as to the applicant's fitness to drive the public. At least **5 years** after the restoration of the driving licence following a drink driving conviction should elapse before an application will be granted. If there is any suggestion that the applicant is alcohol or drug dependent, a satisfactory special medical report must be provided before the application can be granted.*

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Our current Policy states;

*12.3 Where the conviction resulted in a period of disqualification, an application will normally be refused unless a period of 3 years free from conviction has elapsed from the date of restoration of the DVLA licence, **5 years** where the disqualification relates to driving whilst under the influence/being unfit through drink or drugs.*

Our current Policy states;

*12.7 Where any of the offences which contribute to the totting up disqualification are classed as a “major” traffic offence an application will normally be refused unless a period of 3 years free from conviction has elapsed from the date of restoration of the DVLA licence, **5 years where the disqualification relates to driving whilst under the influence/being unfit through drink or drugs***

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C) Using mobile phone whilst driving - 12.5 Intermediate traffic offences

Proposal to move CU80 Using mobile phone whilst driving from 12.5 “Intermediate traffic offences” to 12.4 “major traffic offences”

D) Dishonesty, to increase from 5 years to 7 years.

Our current Policy states;

*9.2 In general, a minimum period of 5 years free of conviction or at least **5 years** have passed since the completion of the sentence (whichever is longer) should be required before granting a licence. :*

Proposed wording to be amended & updated too;

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New Proposed Sections to be added to the policy

E) Exploitation to be added to the policy

Where an applicant or licensee has been convicted of a crime involving, related to, or has any connection with abuse, exploitation, use or treatment of another individual irrespective of whether the victim or victims were adults or children, they will not be licensed. This includes slavery, child sexual abuse, exploitation, grooming, psychological, emotional or financial abuse, but this is not an exhaustive list.

F) Discrimination to be added to the policy

Where an applicant has a conviction involving or connected with discrimination in any form, a licence will not be granted until at least seven years have elapsed since the completion of any sentence imposed.